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NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Items of Interest from All Parts of the Country.

There are 8000 cases of grippe in Nashville.

A woman betrayed Balmaceda into the hands of his enemy.

Canada bankers are talking of placing a tax on American currency.

A new line of steamers is to be put on between Mobile and Tampico, Mex.

George Jones has a snake farm near Gainesville, Mo., and is making it pay.

Chicago only wants $5,000,000 appropriated—not loaned—for her World's fair.

A landslide at Grand Junction, Col., killed Dan O'Neal and four of his workmen.

Henry Norcross of Boston was the man who threw the bomb at Russell Sage.

The situation in western Indiana, where 20,000 miners are striking, is growing worse.

A Nebraska farmer has been acquitted of killing a book agent who persisted in forcing his book on him.

Three Austrian missionaries, who have been held captive in the Soudan since 1883, have escaped.

Several surveying parties are actively at work on the Intercontinental railroad in South and Central America.

G. A. R. men will place a $10,000 statue of General Grant in the Capitol in Washington by June 1, 1894.

Details for the seal fisheries conference between this government and Great Britain are practically arranged.

Rev. E. J. Hamill, a Methodist minister of Jacksonville, Ill., died suddenly on a train near Mount Vernon, Ill.

Speaker Crisp offered Colonel Mills second place on the ways and means committee but the Texan declined.

The Jefferson club of St. Joseph, Mo., has denounced Congressman Wilson for deserting Mills in the speakership fight.

The last rail on the Mississippi River and Bonne Terre railroad has been laid and regular trains will be put on at once.

The president has sent to the senate for confirmation the name of Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia to be secretary of war.

Milwaukee will send a carload of beer to Washington in furtherance of her effort to secure the Democratic national convention.

Delegates from the cotton growing states will meet in Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 6 to take steps to decrease the cotton acreage.

On account of the McKinley law the Liverpool chamber of commerce has decided not to send an exhibit to the World's fair.

A tin-plate project to roof Pennsylvania's building at the World's fair has fallen through because the output is not large enough.

The old Brazil congress, which was dissolved by Da Fonseca, has reassembled and received a message from President Peixotto.

A guerrilla warfare is kept up by the natives in the Pamir region in spite of the punishment inflicted upon them by the British troops.

South Carolina has passed a law making railroad passes to state officials illegal, and providing a penalty of $500 fine for violations.

A brakeman on the Fort Wayne road was pushed from his car by a tramp as the train was crossing St. Mary's bridge, Indiana. He was fatally injured.

The telegraph operators on the Southern Pacific are out from El Paso, Tex., to California, and non-union men are escorted out of town by vigilantes.

The bank of Wallace, Tenn., was entered at night by professional bank robbers and $5000 worth of diamonds belonging to depositors were stolen out of the safe.

The peace of Europe is now in the hands of France, which government may bring on war, according to the action it takes on the Bulgarian expulsion incident.

Fred Hubbard married Agnes Horan at Meriden, Conn., believing that she was a doctor's daughter. He discovered the deception and now the courts will settle the case.

Albert Downes, who was to have been hanged at Charlotte, N. C., last Friday for burglary, has been respited until Jan. 15 next. The property Downes took was a syringe.

The state Democratic convention of Louisiana nominated a full state ticket at Baton Rouge, headed by ex-Governor McEnery. The Republicans may attempt to dicker with the anti-lottery bolters.

General John B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, requests all ex-Confederate soldiers to send him, for transmission to Washington, all official records pertaining to the war.

A letter received in Washington from Dr. Jeronimo Selays, minister of foreign affairs for the republic of Honduras, brings the information that F. F. Hilder of New Orleans has obtained a concession under which he proposes to utilize the fiber of the banana tree, and to further that end is going to start banana plantations.

The waterways convention in Detroit adopted a memorial to congress dilating on the importance of a twenty-fool channel from Buffalo to Duluth and Chicago, and the commencement of work at once. Resolutions supplementing the memorial were offered and referred to the legislation committee, when the convention adjourned sine die.

An Extension Asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Brazilian government asked for an extension of time for the ratification of the treaty of arbitration recently concluded between Brazil and the United States.

A new trotting association is to be organized at Mansfield, O., with a capital of $10,000. A new mile kite shaped track will probably be constructed for use next season.

The New Jersey court of appeals has derived pool selling in the state illegal. The decision will kill racing at Monmouth, Sheepshead Bay and Elizabeth unless the legislature changes the law.

A DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

Young Jim Blaine Surprised and Routed by His Wife's Friend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A very dramatic incident occurred in the Blaine divorce case proceedings, in progress at the office of Referee Lord. Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., arrived with her friend, Mrs. Ogden Doremus. She did not know the law gave her husband the right to be present. When she saw him there, though she had not met him since she bade him good-bye at Bar Harbor three years ago, she controlled her sign of surprise so well that her companion never suspected that the man who rose as they entered was the person in question, and Mrs. Doremus had seen Blaine before, but years ago, and as his wife did not take the slightest notice of him, she did not suspect that it was he. During the proceedings Mrs. Doremus got into a frame of mind that she looked for some sympathetic person. To a person next to her she said:

"The man in this case is a scoundrel and a poltroon."

"Do you know who you are talking to?" snapped the individual addressed.

"No," she replied.

"Well, I am Blaine."

Mrs. Doremus flushed slightly, then continued quickly with increasing emphasis: "I did not know you were Blaine when I spoke, but I repeat now, the man who abandoned not only his wife, but innocent child at the dictates of his father and"——

"Don't mention my mother's name," burst in Blaine.

"Since you mentioned it," calmly continued Mrs. Doremus, "I will add, of mother, is a poltroon and a scoundrel."

Blaine had nothing handy to reply, and the passage at arms came to an end.

Two Families United.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—For the past ten years two families, one named Wright and the other Johnson, have lived near each other in Blount county, about ten miles from Blountsville. Mrs. and Mr. Wright had five daughters about grown and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had five sons who had attained their majority. The families were neighborly and intimate. Two years ago the two eldest Johnson boys married two of the Wright girls. Shortly afterward Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Wright died at about the same time, postponing temporarily the marriage of another of the Johnson boys to another daughter of the Wrights. A short time since Mr. Johnson, Sr., was married to Mrs. Wright and one of the two remaining boys married the youngest Wright girl and the marriage was a double one. A few weeks ago the remaining Johnson boy was married to the last Wright girl.

Naval Movements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The cruiser San Francisco at Mare Island is ready to put to sea on short notice. Its storage capacity is filled by an unusually large quantity of arms and ammunition, which gives ground for the belief that it will return to Valparaiso and that portion of the cargo is destined for the cruiser Charleston. Captain Remy of the Charleston received sealed orders at Honolulu, and it is believed that these direct him to proceed southward along the Mexican coast, where the Charleston will be joined by the San Francisco and the transfer of supplies and ammunition will be made. Naval officials believe that both vessels will go on to Chile.

Not a Legal Indian.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Assistant Attorney General Shields of the interior department decided that Jane Waldron, who is the daughter of a white father and a half blood Indian mother, was born a citizen of the United States and that the claim she is an Indian by virtue of being of an Indian mother cannot be allowed. Neither can she longer draw rations and annuity as such from the government, nor receive lands in severalty. The case practically decides 500 to 1000 similar cases in all parts of the west.

Chilton Highly Honored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Democratic caucus of the senate met Wednesday to consider the appointments of Democrats to the committees. When the name of Senator Chilton was reached there was a strong fight made to put him on the committees just as Mr. Reagan was. The result was that he was given places on the commission which were filled by Judge Reagan. The senators say this course is not at all customary and consider that Senator Chilton has been highly honored.

Warlike Chinese.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent says: It is reported that several mission stations on the Yang Tse Kiang are menaced. More men-of-war are necessary to protect the river. European residents have formed themselves into a defense league, have armed and drilled themselves and are now ready for action at any moment. The demeanor of the Chinese is generally menacing and arrogant.

Against Sunday Opening.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Sabbath union Colonel E. F. Shepard of New York was re-elected president for the ensuing year.

The committee on resolutions reported a long series of resolutions upon questions of Sabbath observance, among which was a strong objection against Sunday opening of the World's fair. All were adopted with enthusiasm.

Reports of Famine Untrue.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—Reports from reliable sources from every seat of the republic are to the effect that the rumors of great distress, caused by famine and rioting by impoverished people, are untrue. Crops have failed in some states, but food was supplied from states where crops were good, and no cases of starvation are heard of.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 19.—Information received here from Mexico states that Lieutenant A. C. Baker, commissioner for the World's fair in that country, is having great success in working up interest in the exposition in all the southern states of the republic. Loring Olmstead, manager of largest tobacco plantation in Mexico, will make an extensive exhibit representing ranch life in Mexico.

Since Senator Stanford's 2-year-old colt Arion trotted in 2:07½ he has had several offers for him from breeders. One of these was a telegraphic offer of $30,000. To this Stanford's reply was that $60,000 would not buy it. Next summer in the colt

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Fifth Day.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A short session devoid of interest was held.

Sixth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mr. Felton of California introduced a bill amending the Chinese exclusion act so as to require Chinese removed from the United States be sent to China instead of the country from which they came.——Mr. Dolph of Oregon, to aid several states and territories to reclaim arid land within their boundaries. Bill provides for loaning the arid states and territories money by the United States and for the issue by the state or territory accepting them of irrigation bonds.——Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire, for the better protection of the public service. Bill provides that all persons employed in or about any department, bureau or division who is not a citizen of the United States or by having fully completed naturalization by due form and process of law shall be discharged and that hereafter no person be appointed to political office who is not a citizen of the United States.——Mr. Washburn of Minnesota, defining futures and options and imposing special taxes on dealers therein.——Mr. Gibson, appropriating $10,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi under the direction of the Mississippi river commission.

Seventh Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to promote and encourage a display of flags of the United States.——Mr. Anderson, for the survey and sale of the lands in the Platte river, Nebraska district.——Mr. Cullom, to amend the interstate commerce act, providing for the adoption and use of uniform standard automatic car couplers and regulating the operation and control of freight trains used in interstate commerce. The bill provides means to find out the best device for security to life and limb.

Eighth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Among the bills presented and referred were numerous memorials against the opening of the World's fair on Sunday. Some favored a loan of $5,000,000 on that condition. A number of bills of no great importance were introduced.——Mr. Stewart gave notice that on Monday next he would address the senate on that portion of the president's message relative to the coinage of silver.

HOUSE.

The opening of the house after a holiday of half a week was without special interest. It was generally understood that no business would be transacted and that the meeting would be merely a perfunctory one to enable the speaker to appoint a committee on rules, but the time was principally employed in conversation with applicants for minor positions.

Ninth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Committees were appointed.——Mr. Turpie addressed the senate in support of his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by a direct vote of the people of the several states.——Mr. Stewart addressed the senate on that part of the president's message relating to free coinage.

Tenth Day.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—On motion of Mr. McMillin of Tennessee, a concurrent resolution was agreed to providing for a holiday recess from Wednesday, the 23d instant, until Tuesday, the 5th proximo.——Mr. Enloe of Tennessee offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five members to look into the charges against the commissioner of pensions and the administration of his office. Referred to the committee on rules.——Mr. Chipman of Michigan announced the death of his colleague, Melbourn H. Ford, and in respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned until Wednesday.

Mills and Culberson Want the Senatorship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Since the race for the speakership Mr. Mills has received a flood of dispatches and letters from all over Texas asking him if he intended to become a candidate for the senate to fill the place to which Senator Chilton was appointed. He has been sick and unable to answer their inquiries, but desires the people in Texas to know he is a candidate for the senate.

Hon. David B. Culberson says he will be a candidate for United States senate at the called session of the Texas legislature. His recent acceptance of the office of interstate commerce commissioner will not take him out of the senatorial race, as many supposed.

Culberson Declines Again.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Colonel Culberson has reconsidered his acceptance of a place on the interstate commerce commission, and has notified the president that he will not accept the office of commissioner. He never desired the place, and having made up his mind to run for the senate concluded it would be inexpedient to hold a position pending the special session of the Texas legislature. Culberson recommended the appointment of Hon. Sam Bell Maxey, but Clements of Georgia will likely be the lucky man.

Last Spike Driven.

DURANGO, Col., Dec. 21. The last spike on the main line of the Grand Southern railroad was driven shortly afternoon Saturday and the train that left Durango the following morning was expected to arrive at Rico in time for supper the same evening.

Deep Water at Tampico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—United States Engineer Sutton at Nuevo Laredo reports from personal inspection of the Tampico harbor improvements that the problem of securing deep water has been solved; that there is now from thirteen to twenty feet of water on the bar. He says Tampico will become a great port and is the only safe one on the Gulf of Mexico.

It is said that Kingston will not be trained next year, but will go into the stud. Last season, although 7 years old, he started in seven races, winning fifteen. He has defeated every great horse of his time except Salvator.

A MAD RUSH

Made for Town Lots at Guthrie When the News Was Received.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 19.—A telegram was received from Washington last night stating Secretary Noble had rendered a decision giving 160 acres more for the Guthrie townsite. This caused the wildest excitement and in a short time hundreds were upon the new land. Business houses were deserted and whole families rushed to the scene. Many people waded the river. Though it was bitter cold, thousands were camped upon lots without covering or wraps and on every side camp fires burned. The entire force left the daily State Capital office, and being the first to get the news the printers all secured very valuable lots. The city council rushed upon a portion of the land and secured many acres for a park.

Rush to Pay Taxes.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—There came near being a repetition of the bloody courthouse riot here in 1884 yesterday morning. A great mob of taxpayers and others crushed into the county treasurer's office to pay their taxes and avoid the penalty. It was impossible to take in all the money presented. One man thrust a revolver under the nose of a receiving clerk and said he would shoot if the money was not accepted and receipted for at once. The great crowd on the outside grew riotous and hurled stones through the windows. One man was knocked insensible and two women were crushed almost to death. A riot alarm was sounded and a large force of police arrived and by vigorous action cleared the streets and drove off the most belligerent rioters. There is great excitement over the affair.

A Monster Transaction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Insurance men talked of but one topic Tuesday and that is the announcement made at the dinner of 100 underwriters at Delmonico's by P. H. Armstrong, president of the Mutual Fire Insurance company, the Fire Association and the Armstrong Fire Insurance company, all of this city, who stated that the entire business of the three companies, aggregating $200,000,000, had been insured in the Lancashire Insurance company of England and the reserve, amounting to over $1,000,000, had been paid in cash to the Lancashire and Armstrong retires from the business of fire underwriting. In his speech he characterized the transaction as the greatest in the history of fire insurance.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Hon. Joel B. Mayes, chief of the Cherokees.

Josiah Minot, law partner of ex-President Pierce.

United States Engineer W. E. Merrell, at Mill Shoals, Ill.

Slade B. Kilgore, son of Congressman Kilgore, at Boerne, Tex.

Ex-Governor Ben Smallwood, at his home near Lehigh, I. T.

John P. Richardson, the millionaire planter and merchant, near Dallas, La.

Colonel C. C. Bliss, once lieutenant governor of Arkansas, of heart disease.

Custom House Frauds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A sensation is developing in connection with the fraudulent importation of tobacco. Agent Wilbur of the treasury department, Washington, is in the city examining all the tobacco in bonded warehouses. Of this there are 50,000 bales in storage, most of which was imported as cheap filling material, on which a duty of 35 cents a pound is paid, but investigations show that at least two-thirds of this tobacco is the finest of Havana to be used for wrappers, and on this a duty of $2 per pound is collected. A cheap quality of tobacco was found on the outside of the bales, but below the outer covering is leaf tobacco.

Visited the Clevelands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Don M. Dickinson, the well-known Michigan Democrat, who has been visiting the Clevelands at Lake Wood, N. J., denies most emphatically the stories of Mrs. Cleveland's health. "These stories are absolutely untrue," said Mr. Dickinson. "I have just seen the ex-president and his family. Mrs. Cleveland is not in the least wan and haggard and emaciated, as has been reported. On the contrary, she has every appearance of being in good health. The baby is as fine, healthy and intelligent-looking a young lady as one would wish to see, and the whole family seems to be in the best of health."

Dillon Badly Hurt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—At the riot at the public meeting Tuesday John Dillon was hit on the head and face with a stone and badly hurt.

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NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Items of Interest from All Parts of the Country.

There are 8000 cases of grippe in Nashville.

A woman betrayed Balmaceda into the hands of his enemy.

Canada bankers are talking of placing a tax on American currency.

A new line of steamers is to be put on between Mobile and Tampico, Mex.

George Jones has a snake farm near Gainesville, Mo., and is making it pay.

Chicago only wants $5,000,000 appropriated—not loaned—for her World's fair.

A landslide at Grand Junction, Col., killed Dan O'Neal and four of his workmen.

Henry Norcross of Boston was the man who threw the bomb at Russell Sage.

The situation in western Indiana, where 20,000 miners are striking, is growing worse.

A Nebraska farmer has been acquitted of killing a book agent who persisted in forcing his book on him.

Three Austrian missionaries, who have been held captive in the Soudan since 1883, have escaped.

Several surveying parties are actively at work on the Intercontinental railroad in South and Central America.

G. A. R. men will place a $10,000 statue of General Grant in the Capitol in Washington by June 1, 1894.

Details for the seal fisheries conference between this government and Great Britain are practically arranged.

Rev. E. J. Hamill, a Methodist minister of Jacksonville, Ill., died suddenly on a train near Mount Vernon, Ill.

Speaker Crisp offered Colonel Mills second place on the ways and means committee but the Texan declined.

The Jefferson club of St. Joseph, Mo. has denounced Congressman Wilson for deserting Mills in the speakership fight.

The last rail on the Mississippi River and Bonne Terre railroad has been laid and regular trains will be put on at once.

The president has sent to the senate for confirmation the name of Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia to be secretary of war.

Milwaukee will send a carload of beer to Washington in furtherance of her effort to secure the Democratic national convention.

Delegates from the cotton growing states will meet in Montgomery, Ala. Jan. 6 to take steps to decrease the cotton acreage.

On account of the McKinley law the Liverpool chamber of commerce has decided not to send an exhibit to the World's fair.

A tin-plate project to roof Pennsylvania's building at the World's fair has fallen through because the output is not large enough.

The old Brazil congress, which was dissolved by Da Fonseca, has reassembled and received a message from President Peixotto.

A guerrilla warfare is kept up by the natives in the Pamir region in spite of the punishment inflicted upon them by the British troops.

South Carolina has passed a law making railroad passes to state officials illegal, and providing a penalty of $500 fine for violations.

A brakeman on the Fort Wayne road was pushed from his car by a tramp as the train was crossing St. Mary's bridge, Indiana. He was fatally injured.

The telegraph operators on the Southern Pacific are out from El Paso, Tex., to California, and non-union men are escorted out of town by vigilantes.

The bank of Wartrace, Tenn., was entered at night by professional bank robbers and $5000 worth of diamonds belonging to depositors were stolen out of the safe.

The peace of Europe is now in the hands of France, which government may bring on war, according to the action it takes on the Bulgarian expulsion incident.

Fred Hubbard married Agnes Horan at Meriden, Conn., believing that she was a doctor's daughter. He discovered the deception and now the courts will settle the case.

Albert Downes, who was to have been hanged at Charlotte, N. C., last Friday for burglary, has been respited until Jan. 15 next. The property Downes took was a syringe.

The state Democratic convention of Louisiana nominated a full state ticket at Baton Rouge, headed by ex-Governor McEnery. The Republicans may attempt to dicker with the anti-lottery bolters.

General John B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, requests all ex-Confederate soldiers to send him, for transmission to Washington, all official records pertaining to the war.

A letter received in Washington from Dr. Jeronimo Selaya, minister of foreign affairs for the republic of Honduras, brings the information that F. F. Hilder of New Orleans has obtained a concession under which he proposes to utilize the fiber of the banana tree, and to further that end is going to start banana plantations.

The waterways convention in Detroit adopted a memorial to congress dilating on the importance of a twenty-foot channel from Buffalo to Duluth and Chicago, and the commencement of work at once. Resolutions supplementing the memorial were offered and referred to the legislation committee, when the convention adjourned sine die.

An Extension Asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Brazilian government asked for an extension of time for the ratification of the treaty of arbitration recently concluded between Brazil and the United States.

A new trotting association is to be organized at Mansfield, O., with a capital of $10,000. A new mile kite shaped track will probably be constructed for use next season.

The New Jersey court of appeals has declared poolselling in the state illegal. The decision will kill racing at Monmouth, Linden and Elizabeth unless the legislature changes the law.

A DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

Young Jim Blaine Surprised and Routed by His Wife's Friend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A very dramatic incident occurred in the Blaine divorce case proceedings, in progress at the office of Referee Lord. Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., arrived with her friend, Mrs. Ogden Doremus. She did not know the law gave her husband the right to be present. When she saw him there, though she had not met him since she bade him good-bye at Bar Harbor three years ago, she controlled her sign of surprise so well that her companion never suspected that the man who rose as they entered was the person in question, and Mrs. Doremus had seen Blaine before, but years ago, and as his wife did not take the slightest notice of him, she did not suspect that it was he. During the proceedings Mrs. Doremus got into a frame of mind that she looked for some sympathetic person. To a person next to her she said:

"The man in this case is a scoundrel and a poltroon."

"Do you know who you are talking to?" snapped the individual addressed.

"No," she replied.

"Well, I am Blaine."

Mrs. Doremus flushed slightly, then continued quickly with increasing emphasis: "I did not know you were Blaine when I spoke, but I repeat now, the man who abandoned not only his wife, but innocent child at the dictates of his father and"——

"Don't mention my mother's name," burst in Blaine.

"Since you mentioned it," calmly continued Mrs. Doremus, "I will add, of mother, is a poltroon and a scoundrel."

Blaine had nothing handy to reply, and the passage at arms came to an end.

Two Families United.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—For the past ten years two families, one named Wright and the other Johnson, have lived near each other in Blount county, about ten miles from Blountsville. Mrs. and Mr. Wright had five daughters about grown and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had five sons who had attained their majority. The families were neighborly and intimate. Two years ago the two eldest Johnson boys married two of the Wright girls. Shortly afterward Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Wright died at about the same time, postponing temporarily the marriage of another of the Johnson boys to another daughter of the Wrights. A short time since Mr. Johnson, Sr., was married to Mrs. Wright and one of the two remaining boys married the youngest Wright girl and the marriage was a double one. A few weeks ago the remaining Johnson boy was married to the last Wright girl.

Naval Movements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The cruiser San Francisco at Mare Island is ready to put to sea on short notice. Its storage capacity is filled by an unusually large quantity of arms and ammunition, which gives ground for the belief that it will return to Valparaiso and that portion of the cargo is destined for the cruiser Charleston. Captain Remy of the Charleston received sealed orders at Honolulu, and it is believed that these direct him to proceed southward along the Mexican coast, where the Charleston will be joined by the San Francisco and the transfer of supplies and ammunition will be made. Naval officials believe that both vessels will go on to Chile.

Not a Legal Indian.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Assistant Attorney General Shields of the interior department decided that Jane Waldron, who is the daughter of a white father and a half blood Indian mother, was born a citizen of the United States and that the claim she is an Indian by virtue of being of an Indian mother cannot be allowed. Neither can she longer draw rations and annuity as such from the government, nor receive lands in severalty. The case practically decides 500 to 1000 similar cases in all parts of the west.

Chilton Highly Honored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Democratic caucus of the senate met Wednesday to consider the appointments of Democrats to the committees. When the name of Senator Chilton was reached there was a strong fight made to put him on the committees just as Mr. Reagan was. The result was that he was given places on the commission which were filled by Judge Reagan. The senators say this course is not at all customary and consider that Senator Chilton has been highly honored.

Warlike Chinese.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent says: It is reported that several mission stations on the Yang Tse Kiang are menaced. More men-of-war are necessary to protect the river. European residents have formed themselves into a defense league, have armed and drilled themselves and are now ready for action at any moment. The demeanor of the Chinese is generally menacing and arrogant.

Against Sunday Opening.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Sabbath union Colonel E. F. Shepard of New York was re-elected president for the ensuing year.

The committee on resolutions reported a long series of resolutions upon questions of Sabbath observance, among which was a strong objection against Sunday opening of the World's fair. All were adopted with enthusiasm.

Reports of Famine Untrue.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—Reports from reliable sources from every sent of the republic are to the effect that the rumors of great distress, caused by famine and rioting by impoverished people, are untrue. Crops have failed in some states, but food was supplied from states where crops were good, and no cases of starvation are heard of.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 19.—Information received here from Mexico states that Lieutenant A. C. Baker, commissioner for the World's fair in that country, is having great success in working up interest in the exposition in all the southern states of the republic. Loring Olmstead, manager of largest tobacco plantation in Mexico, will make an extensive exhibit representing ranch life in Mexico.

Since Senator Stanford's 2-year-old colt Arion trotted in 2:07¼ he has had several offers for him from breeders. One of these was a telegraphic offer of $60,000. To this Senator Stanford's reply was that $60,000 would not buy a half interest in the colt.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Fifth Day.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A short session devoid of interest was held.

Sixth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mr. Felton of California iptroduced a bill amending the Chinese exclusion act so as to require Chinese removed from the United States be sent to China instead of the country from which they came.——Mr. Dolph of Oregon, to aid several states and territories to reclaim arid land within their boundaries. Bill provides for loaning the arid states and territorities money by the United States and for the issue by the state or territory accepting them of irrigation bonds.——Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire, for the better protection of the public service. Bill provides that all persons employed in or about any department, bureau or division who is not a citizen of the United States or by having fully completed naturalization by due form and process of law shall be discharged and that hereafter no person be appointed to political office who is not a citizen of the United States.——Mr. Washburn of Minnesota, defining futures and options and imposing special taxes on dealers therein.——Mr. Gibson, appropriating $10,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi under the direction of the Mississippi river commission.

Seventh Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to promote and encourage a display of flags of the United States.——Mr. Anderson, for the survey and sale of the lands in the Platte river, Nebraska district.——Mr. Cullom, to amend the interstate commerce act, providing for the adoption and use of uniform standard automatic car couplers and regulating the operation and control of freight trains used in interstate commerce. The bill provides means to find out the best device for security to life and limb.

Eighth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Among the bills presented and referred were numerous memorials against the opening of the World's fair on Sunday. Some favored a loan of $5,000,000 on that condition. A number of bills of no great importance were introduced.——Mr. Stewart gave notice that on Monday next he would address the senate on that portion of the president's message relative to the coinage of silver.

HOUSE.

The opening of the house after a holiday of half a week was without special interest. It was generally understood that no business would be transacted and that the meeting would be merely a perfunctory one to enable the speaker to appoint a committee on rules, but the time was principally employed in conversation with applicants for minor positions.

Ninth Day.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Committees were appointed.——Mr. Turpie addressed the senate in support of his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by a direct vote of the people of the several states.——Mr. Stewart addressed the senate on that part of the president's message relating to free coinage.

Tenth Day.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—On motion of Mr. McMillin of Tennessee, a concurrent resolution was agreed to providing for a holiday recess from Wednesday, the 23d instant, until Tuesday, the 5th proximo.——Mr. Enloe of Tennessee offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five members to look into the charges against the commissioner of pensions and the administration of his office. Referred to the committee on rules.—— Mr. Chipman of Michigan announced the death of his colleague, Melbourn H. Ford, and in respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned until Wednesday.

Mills and Culberson Want the Senatorship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Since the race for the speakership Mr. Mills has received a flood of dispatches and letters from all over Texas asking him if he intended to become a candidate for the senate to fill the place to which Senator Chilton was appointed. He has been sick and unable to answer their inquiries, but desires the people in Texas to know he is a candidate for the senate.

Hon. David B. Culberson says he will be a candidate for United States senate at the called session of the Texas legislature. His recent acceptance of the office of interstate commerce commissioner will not take him out of the senatorial race, as many supposed.

Culberson Declines Again.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Colonel Culberson has reconsidered his acceptance of a place on the interstate commerce commission, and has notified the president that he will not accept the office of commissioner. He never desired the place, and having made up his mind to run for the senate concluded it would be inexpedient to hold a position pending the special session of the Texas legislature. Culberson recommended the appointment of Hon. Sam Bell Maxey, but Clements of Georgia will likely be the lucky man.

Last Spike Driven.

DURANGO, Col., Dec. 21.—The last spike on the main line of the Grand Southern railroad was driven shortly afternoon Saturday and the train that left Durango the following morning was expected to arrive at Rico in time for supper the same evening.

Deep Water at Tampico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—United States Engineer Sutton at Nuevo Laredo reports from personal inspection of the Tampico harbor improvements that the problem of securing deep water has been solved; that there is now from thirteen to twenty feet of water on the bar. He says Tampico will become a great port and is the only safe one on the Gulf of Mexico.

It is said that Kingston will not be trained next year, but will go into the stud. Last season, although 7 years old, he started twenty-one times, winning fifteen. He has defeated every great horse of his time except Salvator.

A MAD RUSH

Made for Town Lots at Guthrie When the News Was Received.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 19.—A telegram was received from Washington last night stating Secretary Noble had rendered a decision giving 140 acres more for the Guthrie townsite. This caused the wildest excitement and in a short time hundreds were upon the new land. Business houses were deserted and whole families rushed to the scene. Many people waded the river. Though it was bitter cold, thousands were camped upon lots without covering or wraps and on every side camp fires burned. The entire force left the daily State Capital office, and being the first to get the news the printers all secured very valuable lots. The city council rushed upon a portion of the land and secured many acres for a park.

Rush to Pay Taxes.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—There came near being a repetition of the bloody courthouse riot, here in 1884 yesterday morning. A great mob of taxpayers and others crushed into the county treasurer's office to pay their taxes and avoid the penalty. It was impossible to take in all the money presented. One man thrust a revolver under the nose of a receiving clerk and said he would shoot if the money was not accepted and receipted for at once. The great crowd on the outside grew riotous and hurled stones through the windows. One man was knocked insensible and two women were crushed almost to death. A riot alarm was sounded and a large force of police arrived and by vigorous action cleared the streets and drove off the most belligerent rioters. There is great excitement over the affair.

A Monster Transaction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Insurance men talked of but one topic Tuesday and that is the announcement made at the dinner of 100 underwriters at Delmonico's by P. H. Armstrong, president of the Mutual Fire Insurance company, the Fire Association and the Armstrong Fire Insurance company, all of this city, who stated that the entire business of the three companies, aggregating $200,000,000, had been insured in the Lancashire Insurance company of England and the reserve, amounting to over $1,000,000, had been paid in cash to the Lancashire and Armstrong retires from the business of fire underwriting. In his speech he characterized the transaction as the greatest in the history of fire insurance.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Hon. Joel B. Mayes, chief of the Cherokees.

Josiah Minot, law partner of ex-President Pierce.

United States Engineer W. E. Merrell, at Mill Shoals, Ill.

Slade B. Kilgore, son of Congressman Kilgore, at Boerne, Tex.

Ex-Governor Ben Smallwood, at his home near Lehigh, I. T.

John P. Richardson, the millionaire planter and merchant, near Dallas, La.

Colonel C. C. Bliss, once lieutenant governor of Arkansas, of heart disease.

Custom House Frauds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A sensation is developing in connection with the fraudulent importation of tobacco. Agent Wilbur of the treasury department, Washington, is in the city examining all the tobacco in bonded warehouses. Of this there are 50,000 bales in storage, most of which was imported as cheap filling material, on which a duty of 35 cents a pound is paid, but investigations show that at least two-thirds of this tobacco is the finest of Havana to be used for wrappers, and on this a duty of $2 per pound is collected. A cheap quality of tobacco was found on the outside of the bales, but below the outer covering is leaf tobacco.

Visited the Clevelands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Don M. Dickinson, the well-known Michigan Democrat, who has been visiting the Clevelands at Lake Wood, N. J., denies most emphatically the stories of Mrs. Cleveland's health. "These stories are absolutely untrue," said Mr. Dickinson. "I have just seen the ex-president and his family. Mrs. Cleveland is not in the least wan and haggard and emaciated, as has been reported. On the contrary, she has every appearance of being in good health. The baby is as fine, healthy and intelligent-looking a young lady as one would wish to see, and the whole family seems to be in the best of health."

Dillon Badly Hurt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—At the riot at the public meeting Tuesday John Dillon was hit on the head and face with a stone and badly hurt.

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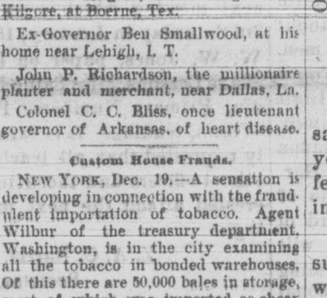

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R. Q. Mills is riding the wave of sympathy.

Springer of Ills. gets the chairmanship of the Ways and Means committy.

By the death of Senator Plumb, the alliance may get another United States Senator from Kansas.

By Speaker Crisp's offering representative Mills second place on the ways and means committee, has greatly strengthened the latter's chances for the senate to succeed Chilton.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, died very suddenly of apoplexy in Washington, at 11:55 a m. on last Sunday. He was universally admired and loved by political friends and foes.

Hon. Geo. Clark delivered a speech at Denton last Saturday in which he clearly defined his position on the politics of the day. Of course he said: "I am a democrat." That is a stereotyped declaration that is always expected in Texas George see sa great deal of democratic doctrine in the Ocala platform. He does not endorse the sub-treasury plan, yet he thinks that it is a step that will lead to wholesome legislation. He severely criticises the bosses for attempting to kick a certain portion of the farming element out of the democratic party. Everybody readily concedes that the Hon. George is "no fool" and of course his political utterances will always command the attention of the public.

Undoubted the education of the people through the efforts of the alliance, the science of economical government, will shed sufficient light on the political status of America as to reveal to the people an alarming condition of the financial situation. Already, there has been brought to the intelligent understanding of the masses enough to arouse them from their lethargy and awakened on earnest inquiry. What will the people do when they are fully satisfied that the encroachments of a monarchical form of government if far advanced in this country, and that another period of twenty-five years advance, unchecked, will place the iron heel of plutocracy upon America, that will take nothing short of a revolution to dethrone? They will the say, away with then party, give us true democracy. Gentlemen, that period has about arrived

The politicians of the old parties are beginning to "smell a mouse." We clip the following quotation from a letter of S. B. Clarkson, chairman of the Republican National executive committee to the young republican club convention recently assembled in Cincinnati:

"Money should have all its rights, but money has too many rights when aggregating and accumulating wealth in one city can depress all values in the country, and when one rich man can smite all the banks of the land with palsy and leave them helpless to care for the business interests and the financial credit of their own communities. It is the solemn duty of the republican party to enact just laws to stop all trespass of wealth on the rights of the people. The American republic is still in the morning of its life, and the problems to be settled for the future are such as to engage the ambition of all good men, and particularly of all young men, to whom especially the republican party just now entering on its second generation of life must now commit its fortunes.

Col. Sterrett is determined to plunge this country into war. He sat up the other night until nearly day light translating for his paper a cypher dispatch from Valparaiso in which Bloodthirsty Chilians were made to surround the American legation and Minister Egan was roosting on top of the chimney trying to give alarm signals by means of a feather duster and a nightcap to an American vessel in the harbor. Some Washington newspaper wag has taken advantage of Governor Bill's martial spirit and belligerent soul to palm off a fake on him William should beware how he recklessly monkey's with "war's rude alarums." They may prove as "dangersome" to the unsophisticated newspaper man as was his herculean effort to criticise "Bill Sykes and his Dog"—Ft. Worth Gazette.

Alliance Business Enterprise.

Topeka, Kan, Dec. 15.—The Kansas alliance co-operative mortgage association, capital stock $1,000,000, with Frank McGrath as central figure, is the latest alliance enterprise. The charter was filed this morning with the secetary of state and business will be commenced with the new year. The scheme of co operation is to negotiate directly with eastern capitalists for the necessary amounts for defraying farm mortgage indebtedness without the assistance of middle men. P. B. Maxson of Emporia, Frank McGrath of Beloit, O S. Hiatt of Fairmount, Hiram Baughman of Burton, W. S. Hanna of Ottawa, J. M. Nevill of Garnett and O. J. McNaughton of Reno, constitute the board of directors. The company will obtain securities by forming a fund of the effects, personal and real, of the members.

The Vote That Nominated.

To the end that our readers may know how each state voted for speaker, we give the vote:

Alabama, Crisp 8; Arkansas, Crisp 2, Mills 3; California, Mills 2; Connecticut, Mills 3, Delaware, Mills 1; Florida, Crisp 2; Georgia, Crisp 8; Illinois, Crisp 5, Mills 8; Indiana, Mills 6, Crisp 3; Iowa, Mills 6; Kentucky, Crisp 4, Mills 6; Louisiana, Mills 3, Crisp 3; Maryland, Crisp 6; Massachusetts, Crisp 1, Mills 5; Michigan, Mills 2, Crisp 5; Minnesota, Mills 2, Crisp 1; Mississippi, Mills 2, Crisp 5; Missouri, Crisp 4, Mills 9; Montana, Mills 1; New Hampshire, Mills 1, Crisp 1; New Jersey, Crisp 5; New York, Mills 11, Crisp 12; North Carolina, Crisp 8; Ohio, Mills 4, Crisp 10; Pennsylvania, Crisp 5, Mills 5; Rhode Island, Crisp 1, Mills 1; South Carolina, Mills 1, Crisp 6; Tennessee, Crisp 4, Mills 4; Virginia, Crisp 6, Mills 2; West Virginia, Crisp 2, Mills 2; Wisconsin, Mills 8; Texas, Mills 10. Totals, Crisp 117; Mills 109.

Mr. Springer received 1 vote each from Illinois and Nebraska; and 2 from Indiana, and Mr Stevens 1 from Massachusetts.

OIL MILL PROSPECTS.

Stock Subscriptions—Rain and Water Hauling—Dramatic Club.

Farmersville, Tex, Dec. 17—The signs are now good for an oil mill in Farmersville very soon, At a conference between our business men and one of the managers of the Paris oil mill it was proposed by the latter to put in a mill of good capacity here provided the people here would take sufficient stock themselves to guarantee sufficient interest on the part of the people to make the mill a success. A committee of citizens has the matter of soliciting stock in hand and are making splendid headway.

A good soaking rain fell here Sunday night.

Farmersville lodge No. 2265, Knights of Honor, elected the following officers. Dr. D. H Hancock, dictator; W. T. Pryor, past dictator; J. W. Neathery, vice; J. T. Robinson, assistant; W. H Chapman, reporter; I A Loony, financial reporter; M. W. McBride, chaplain; L. T. Norwood, guide; S. B. Hamilton, treasurer; L. T. Robinson, guardian; M. T. Battis, sentinel.

It is reported that up to date something over 500 car loads of water has been hauled away from Cedar lake, near here, by the railroad for the use of the road.

Farmersville is now making arrangements for the organization of an amateur dramatic club and in this line she can boast of some very fine local talent.

Teachers' Institute,

The East Collin Teachers' Institute met in Farmersville, on last Saturday, 12th inst., with the following teachers present: I. A. Looney, N. E Peak, C. W. Jeffrey's, D. D. Kemper, T. F. Lokey, W. W. Jones, John F. Wilds, Miss Sallie Hardin, Z. A. C. Harris and Mr Hunter.

Prof. Looney, chairman and conductor of the work, resolved the teachers into a class and demonstrated the work of teaching primary numbers, elementary sounds of the alphabet, beginners in writing, etc., after which Mr. C. W. Jeffreys read a paper on primary numbers; Mr. N. E. Peak introduced the subject of primary reading, followed by others; Mr. W. W. Jones read a paper on Language Lessons, but on account of his not having time to give the subject as much thought as he desired, he was requested to continue the same subject for next meeting. Prof. Looney was re-elected chairman and conductor of the work for the next meeting.

Following is the program for next meeting which is on the 3rd Saturday in January, 1892: W. W. Jones, paper on Language Lessons, Miss Sallie Hardin, Primary Numbers, Prof. Wrenn, reading. It is earnestly requested that all teachers, school officers and those interested attend the next meeting.

Z. A. C. Harris,
Secretary.

President Jones Speaks,

To the members of the Farmers' Alliance of Texas:

Brethren—In view of the general misunderstanding of many people in Texas in reference to the relation of the Farmers' alliance to political parties, I deem it necessary to issue this address.

The Farmers' alliance is and always has been, a political organization. Our first declaration of purposes reads:

"We shall labor to educate our members in the science of economic government, in a strictly non-partisan spirit."

The words "politics," means the science of government, hence our organization is political; but it will never become a political party, or in any way officially endorse any political party, for the simple reason that all of the unjust conditions that now bear so heavily upon the people, are the outgrowth of partisan prejudice, developed by the various partisan political organizations. I am of the opinion that the time has arrived when all prejudice should be laid aside, and clear reason should be applied in the investigation of the economic issues now confronting us, which must be intelligently solved, if liberty and justice are to be perpetuated.

For this purpose the Farmers' alliance was organized.

For this it has always labored and is now battling.

Our members in the beginning knew but very little about this vital question. We realized that our relief must come through the education of our people upon economic questions. This line of policy has ever been strictly adhered to, and with flattering results, as is clearly demonstrated by the noise made by that class of people who are in harmony with present depressed conditions. The only hope of defeating us is to wrench our organization from its present high and aggressive non-partisan ground, and force it into the cess-pool of partisan politics.

Those who have combined, and by organized effort, secured special privileges through legislation, state and national, dread us because they know that our organization is a school, and through its teachings the road to liberty will soon be available to the oppressed. Knowledge is power, and when the masses become educated their power will be irresistible.

The signs on the political horizon have but one meaning, and that is that the lease of tyrants in these United States must end.

The teaching of our press and speakers are bringing to our cause more converts than ever before, and these accessions are the most intelligent of all classes

The teachings of our organization are making intelligent independent voters of our members, the bulwark of constitutional government, and the nucleus around which good men of every calling are rallying from all sections.

Under its teachings sectionalism, that Meeca of the partisan boss, has been destroyed The people of the North and South have again united and a free government is assured.

All we have to do is to persevere in the work and ere long our demands will become the law of the land, and justice will reign.

Brethren stand by the demands of our organization, state and nation, make the alliance a great reserve force for good, and as citizens vindicate your rights at the ballot box, in the way and manner that suits you, allowing no man nor set of men to proscribe

The partisan bosses have attempted to meet our arguments through the press and on the stump In every instance they have been defeated, and from one newspaper in 1886 advocating our principles, we now have 1,300; and from a membership of 20,000, we now number 3,000,000. Having kept our organization out of partisan politics; and learned through its teachings our rights, and how to maintain them, the order is solid and growing everywhere.

EVAN JONES,
President.

SNAP SHOTS.

The city council should always deal in plain English that may be published without—in a great religious newspaper.

The pretty young man wears his bangs on his upper lip.

A record is not necessarily clean because it has nothing on it.

When a man believes a thing heartily he always imagines that he knows it.

Do not wait for the turn of the tide. Plunge in and swim

The moody individual is a study in brown.—Dallas News.

Farmersville, Collin county, Texas, Dec. 22.—The oil mill at this plage is now an assured fact, All the stock has been subscribed and at a meeting last night of the subscribers W. B. Young was chosen as the Farmersville director in the company with the two from Paris Steps will be taken at once toward the proper organization and securing of a charter an work will commence in January and the mill and refinery will be ready by September.

To the people of Collin county: The poultry and pet stock show will be held in McKinney on Dec 31 and Jan 1 and 2. Admission ten cents. All are invited each day. At McDonald house, East Louisiana street.

Welcome address, by Prior Hays; response, by Ed. Bancroft of Dallas.

J. D. Carpenter,
Hugo Hays,
J. H. Scott,
Executive Committee.
McKinney, Dec. 15, 1891.

The most dangerous thing in this country is the party label. It never means what it says, but it is by no means meaningless.—Dallas News.

A TALK WITH A BURGLAR

MEANS AND METHODS USED BY SUCCESSFUL CRACKSMEN.

How a Man Who Has "Done Time" for Safe Breaking Operates—He Says That to Open Safes Is Comparatively Easy Work—Time and Money Spent on Tools.

Did you ever meet a real live flesh and blood burglar? I mean a man who has made a living by cracking other people's safes, by housebreaking and robbery—who has "done time" in various prisons and who is under police surveillance everywhere he goes? The man with the cast iron countenance, the shifty eyes and the hunted look?

Of course, no. You would shrink from such society. Yet there is a certain novelty in the sensation. Such men pass you on the street and leave no more distinct impression than the touch of a bank president who has absorbed the money of his depositors, and is yet at large unexposed. It is only when you are brought face to face with the burglar in a dark room, with his blinking bullseye shining in your face and the cold muzzle of his pistol pressed against your temples, that the sensation is experienced in all its blood curdling intensity. And I feel sure you would rather be excused from such a meeting.

To have an old friend "on the force" say to you suddenly some day: "Would you like to meet a burglar? Here he is now," and raising a significant finger draw a plainly dressed and shambling figure from the passing Broadway throng into a back room and say, "This man is a bank sneak and burglar." That conveys a different and perhaps more agreeable sensation. And that is the sensation I have just experienced.

EASY WORK TO OPEN ANY SAFE.

"When'll you fellers let up on a man?" was the first and rather plaintive inquiry of the ex-convict. His face took on an innocent and woe begone look.

The policeman addressed him familiarly, asked him what he was doing on Broadway and a string of questions; not severely, but rather inviting confidence and conversation. When the man found he was not wanted, and that a newspaper man was his other auditor, he talked glibly. He had been reading a recent interview with a well known safe manufacturer.

"There isn't a bank vault or safe lock made," said the burglar, "that can't be opened by an expert. I became an adept at the business while in the employ of a safe manufacturer. I picked locks as a legitimate business from New York to San Francisco. Every safe company has men who can do the same thing. The first thing a bank official or anybody else does, when the safe lock gets out of order, is to send to the manufactory and they send an expert who opens the safe. The ordinary combination lock is easily picked. There are time locks which cannot be worked so easily, especially modern ones. Some combination locks have a micrometer proof attachment. That? Why, it's an arrangement which is supposed to prevent the successful use of the micrometer, a little machine which can be attached to the handle of the lock and has an indicator which shows the thickness and variation of the tumblers.

"Some of these cheap combination locks have a bell-like sound or click and these can be easily read. And some combinations run in grooves and can be detected at once. You might as well have a house door lock and latchkey on a safe as one of them. The latest and best combination lock gives out no sound whatever, and, while it may be opened, it would take an expert a good deal of time. There is a good deal of sameness about the old style combination locks, and when you get used to them they are as easily opened as a street door.

BADLY MADE SAFES.

"While the modern bank burglar must be and usually is an expert on combinations, he by no means relies upon that. A dozen years ago I could open any lock within forty-five minutes. The improvements have been such, however, that that method cannot longer be depended upon. It isn't true, as stated in this safe manufacturer's interview, that the safes operated upon successfully by burglars are simply fireproof safes, and that no so called burglar proof safes are being cracked. All that formidable looking array of bolts you see on a burglar proof amount to nothing if you can pick the lock. The two side bolts are the important ones. The others catch the eye, but don't make the safe any stronger.

"The weight of material is not so formidable to a burglar as the quality, and there is much poor material put into safes. Now, there is a weakness in almost every safe, and it is the burglar's art to find it out. Some have better steel in the back than in the front, and sometimes the steel is tougher and better tempered in one part than another. I can tell at once as to the hardness and thickness of steel plating. I've had drills, however, that would go through anything. I could put a hole through two average steel plates in thirty minutes. The skill and genius that have been expended upon burglars' tools is something extraordinary, and the pains that are taken sometimes to lay the foundation of great burglaries or a system of small ones would be astonishing to honest people.

"I know of a case where a valuable safe was purchased for the experimental work. For instance, several country banks may be found using the same safe. By the purchase of one of the same kind and make the experts had an indefinite time to study out its weaknesses. They then descended upon the selected spoils and got away with the boodle.

"Another way is to go right to the manufactory and see how they are made, just like the fellow did who wrote that article. You have read accounts of repeated burglaries in certain sections within a very short time? Well, they are usually on a certain set of safes."—New York Telegram.

The Monkey Stole the Angel's Wings.

The first week of the circus closed with an immense audience, whose liberal applause stimulated the performers to surpass their usual excellence.

The audience was treated to an entirely new version of the "Dawn of Christianity," the brilliant finale of the "Fall of Rome," when Jocko, the dogfaced baboon, took an unexpected part. Jocko enjoys considerable freedom, and during the performance he slipped unnoticed from his perch in the dressing room and emerged from a door in the heathen temple into the glare of the lime lights while Christianity was dawning.

Jocko recognized his dear friend Mme. Bumond posing as an angel with glistening wings, and in a mischievous spirit he snatched the wings, then turned and fled precipitously down the Appian Way.

Mme. Bumond pursued her departing wings, and the rest of the angels, convulsed with laughter, fled into the interior city. Then the spectators applauded the race between the baboon and the wingless angel until they disappeared within the gates of Rome. Hereafter Jocko will be obliged to confine his genius to his own specialty, in which he is eminently successful.—Philadelphia Press.

A TROUBLESOME TAME OSTRICH

A Pet That Generally Makes Itself a Terrible Nuisance to Everybody.

When, as sometimes happens, a solitary ostrich chick is reared at the house it becomes inconveniently tame. We had one called Jackie, and it was often a terrible nuisance. All the little darkies about the place had a lively dread of him. As they sat on the ground at meals with plates of boiled pumpkin and rice in their laps Jackie would come up and, stretching his snakelike neck over their heads or under their arms, would coolly help himself to the contents of one plate after another. Occasionally he would make for the unhappy youngsters in so menacing a manner as to frighten them into dropping their plates altogether; then, while his victims ran away crying, he would squat on his heels and regale his enormous appetite at leisure.

But one day retribution came. Being free to run into the kitchen—simply because no one could keep him out—he was not long in observing that the pumpkin and rice always came from one particular pot, and the idea suddenly occurring to him that he could do no better than to go straight to the fountain head for his favorite dish, he walked up, full of joyful anticipation, to the fire where this pot was boiling. The cook—who, being mother to several of the illused children, did not love Jackie—offered no friendly interference to save him from his fate, and plunging his bill into the pot, he greedily scooped up, and with the lightninglike rapidity of ostriches, tossed down his throat a big mouthful of the boiling rice.

Then there was what boys would call a "circus." Jackie began dancing around the kitchen, writhing with agony, shaking his head nearly off and twisting his neck as if bent on tying it in a knot. Finally he dashed wildly from the house, and the last seen of him was a little cloud of white dust vanishing on the horizon. He returned a sadder and wiser bird, and it was long before he would venture again inside the kitchen.

When about a year old Jackie was sold to a farmer that had long coveted him. No doubt he soon repented of his purchase. The bird was now now strong enough to give a good hard kick—that is the way ostriches fight—and being a more daring freebooter than ever, and no respecter of persons, he would march up and attack any one he saw carrying what he thought might be food, endearoring, by a well aimed blow, to strike it out of their hands; and he was generally successful.

At last his master, tired of hearing complaints about his conduct, and impatient of his perpetual intrusion indoors, tried putting him into a camp inclosed by a wire fence. There, however, he obstinately refused to remain. As soon as he was put in he would squat down, lay his head and neck on the ground; then, making himself as flat as possible, he would squirm out under the lowest wire of the fence.

But Jackie soon ceased from troubling. His end, as may be imagined, was brought about by no other cause than his own moral obliquity. One day he wandered down to the river where some Kaffir women were washing clothes, their children, a group of little animated nude bronzes, playing near them. One little fellow, who was eating, was of course instantly spied out by the greedy and covetous Jackie. The marauder, however, this time paid the penalty of his lawlessness, for in rushing to kick the little darky and thus capture the food, he fell down the rocky bank of the river and broke his leg. Then Jackie, like all other broken legged ostriches, had to be killed.—Philadelphia Times.

The Use of the Voice.

Among the small things, as generally considered, but great ones as I look at them, is the use of the voice. Here is a sample of a very common conversation, such as we hear in many homes: "Maria, did you tell Tom to go for the milk?" "Hen?" "Did you tell Tom what I said?" "What did you tell me to tell him?" "To go for the milk." No reply. Then comes the question again. "Maria, will you tell me if you sent Tom?" "Yes, I did." Here is a great waste of both time and strength, and generally of patience as well. The habit with many people is very persistent not to answer directly, but to first compel a repetition of a question or a remark. In the course of a year such duplicate remarks if put together, would make a large volume. The habit should be formed of careful listening and direct responding. Some persons respond indirectly in order to gain time. They are made up with a lack of straightforwardness. They never wish to commit themselves promptly. But most persons who indulge the habit are simply heedless and indifferent to others' rights. A few have preoccupied minds, and a question has to be repeated two or three times to get through the circumambient meditation.—Mary E. Spencer in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Colors of Women.

Balzac, the French author, says that a woman's character finds expression in her favorite color. A woman who prefers orange or green gowns is, he thinks, quarrelsome. Those who sport yellow hats or who go clad in black without cause are not to be trusted. White should indicate coquetry. Gentle and thoughtful women prefer pink. Pearl gray is the color of women who consider themselves unfortunate. Lilac is the shade particularly affected by overripe beauties; therefore lilac hats are mostly worn by mothers on their daughters' marriage day and by women more than forty years old when they go visiting.—San Francisco Argonaut.

He Kept His Word.

"Oh, what do you think?" exclaimed Miss Elder.

"Well," replied Miss Plypp.

"Mr. Simcoe proposed to me last night."

"Did he? Well, when I refused him the night before he threatened to do something desperate, but I didn't think he would be that rash."—New York Epoch.

Two Heads for a Wife.

H. C. Matheson is an English engineer who has been in the employ of the Chinese government for four years. "Some months ago," said he, "there was a great deal of trouble between the natives of Formosa and the Chinese. The former are savage fellows and object to the encroachments of the latter. There was, and is yet for that matter, an unwritten law among the natives of Formosa which forbids any young man to marry until he has cut off two Chinese heads, and a little anxiety to plunge into matrimony causes a reduction in the Chinese population. This was one cause of the trouble."—San Francisco Call.

No seed potatoes will be distributed this year by the department of agriculture. The eyes which have been shipped in past years were found too perishable, either rotting or freezing before they were planted, and whole potatoes are too bulky to handle.

A sturgeon was recently caught on the Fraser river, British Columbia, which weighed 800 pounds. The monster measured 12 feet 6 inches in length and 5 feet 3 inches in girth.

A Six-year-old Giant.

There is a remarkable specimen of a boy in the New Jersey Reform school at Jamesburg. He has been made a ward of the state because it is not considered safe for him to be at large. He is only six years old, but has the manners and the maturity of a young man of twenty and the mustache of a man much older. He is called by the medical men who have examined him a precocious baby and a wonder in more ways than one. His name is Herman Hoffer. He is more than four feet in height, has a nicely curled blond mustache and can strike from the shoulder with the force of a sledgehammer. He can move a barrel of flour and lift easily a 200 pound weight. His parents have found it impossible to control him.

The boy is not only the admiration of his companions, but the terror of the neighborhood. He can whip any boy in Trenton, and he occasionally amuses himself by playing David to the town Philistines. The parents were forced to appeal to Judge Robert S. Woodruff, of the Mercer circuit court, to put him in subjection. He was examined by Dr. Horace G. Wetherill, who pronounced him a phenomenon and a remarkable case. The boy is now at Jamesburg and the wonder of the institution. He has not yet made any trouble. He is too deeply interested in his new surroundings. He is attending the school, but the teachers have not yet reached a conclusion as to the trend of his mind.—Exchange.

Snakes in West Virginia.

It is evident that West Virginia does not intend to be relegated to the background while the narration of snake stories is going on, and she relates through the medium of a dispatch the following bonncer: "While two lumbermen named McCray and Deners were felling timber near Cleveland, Webster county, they cut down a large linn tree which was literally alive with snakes of a variety never before found in this vicinity. They were brown in color, large in size—having yellow jaws, from which they continuously evicted a slimy matter—and were exceedingly vicious, attacking the men as soon as the tree fell. After killing a large number, McCray and Deners were obliged to retreat. Securing assistance, they returned to the spot and a general slaughter took place, not less than 500 reptiles being killed. Investigation was then made and from 1,500 to 2,000 eggs were found in various parts of the tree."

Eating Buckwheat Cakes.

Says a gentleman who attended the recent Methodist conference in Washington: "I was amused at the way in which a few English delegates conducted themselves at the hotel. It reminded me of the story told about Matthew Arnold on the occasion of his visit to this country. When at Cleveland he was generously entertained. One morning his host put before him at the breakfast table, among other things, buckwheat cakes. For a long time neither he nor his wife took any cakes, but noticing that his American friends ate them with a great apparent relish and gusto, he gingerly took one on his plate and tasted it very critically. Then leaning over to his wife he said, 'You'd better try one, dear, they ah not half so nawsty as they look.'"—New York Tribune.

Japanese Cigarettes in China.

During the month of May last the export of Japanese cigarettes to Shanghai aggregated 552,300, from which it may be inferred that the foreign residents of China are beginning to appreciate the Japanese article. But unfortunately, as is usually the case with everything exported from this country, the necessity of keeping up the quality of the article is not appreciated.

Adulteration with leaves of the lotus, the goba and so forth, has been resorted to, with the result of greatly injuring the reputation which the cigarettes were just beginning to earn. The Tokio newsagency addresses a word of timely warning to the shortsighted manufacturers.—Japanese Mail.

Cut Off His Ten Foot Beard.

Mr. Paul Henson, the gentleman distinguished for having produced the longest beard in the world, found it so inconvenient and uncomfortable that he was induced to cut it off. A number of his friends had planned to place him in charge of the Mississippi department of the World's exposition at Chicago, where it was presumed his remarkable beard would prove a striking feature in the attractions, and much regret is felt that he chose to relieve himself of that incumbrance. The beard was by actual measurement about ten feet long.—Corinth Herald.

Sunday Labor in Maine.

A wealthy New York merchant has employed a minister to labor in rural Maine for a year among the "unchurched." People who have not investigated the matter have little idea of the opportunities for such labor. On cross-roads within ten miles of Lewiston there is absolutely no observance of the Sabbath. Men were in the fields pulling turnips and women were hanging out washings last Sunday.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

A Queer Bird.

While a gentleman was out hunting near Crawfordville last week he noticed something curious swimming just under the water. It didn't seem to be a fish nor yet a bird. Presently it rose, shook the water from its wings and started to fly, when he shot it down. It had a head like a turtle, wings like a bat and a tail scaly like a carp. There were two feet webbed like a goose.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Lull in Europe Before the Storm.

In Europe 3,000,000 armed men are sullenly facing each other, waiting only for the word to spring at each other's throats. War has long been thought of as imminent, and this state of things has come to be regarded as normal. This anomalous condition is without a parallel in history.—Forum.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

A necklace of small pale blue and yellow sapphires is very beautiful.

A tiara of gold wire and pearls copies the structure that held Marie Stuart's veil.

A new scarfpin has a gold porter bearing a pearl for a bag of flour on his shoulder.

Ruby spirals and garnets set in squares and centered with gold are used as guard chains.

A white polka dotted enamel new trimmed with gold is the most chic fastening imaginable for a watch.

A very pretty stickpin is a serpent with a jeweled eye, the ball of which is carried down and forms the pin.

Glove stretchers of stained ivory are confined at the points of intersection with ornamental bands of silver gilt.

The most popular necklace has alternate stones, ruby and diamond, or emerald and diamond, dropping from a narrow gold tape.

Rosewood [illegible] are equipped [illegible] carry [illegible] separately.

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

An albino catfish nine inches long and weighing over a pound has been on exhibition at Lancaster, Pa.

Four whales crossed the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river recently, swam up the stream a mile or so, then quietly turned around and returned to the Pacific.

The giraffe is now threatened with permanent extinction. Ten years ago herds of seventy and eighty could be found where today thirteen would be an exceptionally large herd.

A man at Fort Valley, Ga., has a calf with six legs and two heads, the heads separated from each other at the neck, giving the calf two distinct heads, with a set of eyes, teeth and ears each.

No animal has more than five toes, digits or claws to each foot or limb. The horse is one toed, the ox two toed, the rhinoceros is three toed, the hippopotamus is four toed and the elephant and hundreds of other animals are five toed.

A sportsman in Wilbur, Or., has trained two eagles to catch geese. He weights their bodies so that they cannot fly after they have captured the game. He follows them on horseback and takes the geese from their claws. Once they caught four geese at one time—one in each claw.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

A great many giants become very small when you get close to them.

The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his gravestone.

There are people who wouldn't lie with the lip for anything, and yet they live a lie every day in the week.

The man who lives all the time with his head in the clouds generally has both feet squarely across somebody's neck.

There is a difference between sitting before the fire and thinking about doing so and going out into the cold and doing it.

You can tell more about a man's character by trading horses with him once than you can by hearing him talk for a year in prayer meeting.

The man who has the courage to fail in trying to do right rather than succeed in wrong is the real hero, no matter whether he wears a paper cap or a crown on his head.

When the marble chip falls, perhaps it wonders how the statue is going to get along without it. There are men who never help the world much until they are out of it.—Ram's Horn.

Payday Comes After Eighteen Years.

Charles King, of Little Falls, has done a very commendable thing by paying $4,000 to the operators that worked in the Saxony mill at the time of the failure of A. & C. King, which occurred in 1873, during a depression of the woolen trade. Mr. King was not obliged to pay this money, but he always said that the first time he controlled the amount of capital that would pay off the wages due at the time of their unfortunate failure he would meet all demands. One hundred and three persons, who were working in the mill on the day of suspension, have been made happy by receiving checks for their back wages. A few of the old employes have moved away and some are dead. The heirs of deceased operatives will be paid the amount due them.—Utica (N. Y.) Herald and Globe.

The Heaviest Yoke of Steers.

In a freight train which passed through Hannibal on the St. Louis, Kirksville and Northwestern the first day of Burlington to St. Louis were the celebrated Walker twin steers. These cattle were registered at the Chicago exchange as the largest in the world. They were raised in Jasper county, Mo., by Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker values them highly, and will not ship them on a railroad unless the railroad insures them for $10,000. They are 6 years of age, 19 feet 6 inches long, 11 feet around the chest or heart, 3 feet 2 inches across the hips. Their aggregate weight is 5,600 pounds.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The First Home of the flag.

The little old building on Arch street above Second, where Betsey Ross made the first flag of stars and stripes for the United States army, is likely to be removed bodily and taken to Chicago for exhibition at the World's fair. The building is owned by Mrs. Amelia [illegible] and she has been asked to name a price for the property, the prospective purchaser being a western gentleman. The Pennsylvania Historical society desires to buy the house and remove it to [illegible] park, alongside of Penn's house, but has not the money available. Mrs. Ross would prefer that the old home remain in Philadelphia.—Philadelphia Record.

An Indignant Justice.

Justice Nichols, of Independence, threatening to fine for damages a couple who promised to be wedded by the justice because they were married by the Republic's court. He claims it is a breach of contract.

On Tuesday night, so Justice Nichols says, he was approached by a negro who contracted for his services as marriage to take place the next morning. The time drew near and the justice was prim and neat waiting in his office for the coming of the couple. He had filled out the application and had it ready for the signature of the prospective groom and appointed time for the ceremony, but the couple that he waited for never came.

Meantime, in the office of Justice Pettit, the couple were quickly married. They received their certificate and promptly returned home. The justice was still waiting expectant when he learned that the couple had already been married and returned home. He declared his intention of bringing suit against them for damages and breach of contract.

The justice is emphatic in his determination and says he will make a test case.—Kansas City Times.

Interesting Decision.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Chief Justice Elliott of the Indiana supreme court handed down a decision, the other judges concurring, in which it is decided that a wife has a perfect right to sue for damages against any one alienating her husband's affections. This is contrary to the old common law and the custom of this country, man alone having been accorded the prerogative of collecting money as a recompense for a wife's affections. The case decided today was an appeal from the circuit court of Dearborn county, wherein the judge knocked out a suit for $5,000 damages in a similar case.

Regular Indian Scare.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 12.—Eight troops at Fort Keogh were ordered to the Cheyenne agency, where the Indians are dancing, contrary to orders from the agency, and thereafter to proceed to the general land office, the order also to [illegible] Sitting Bull's presence in the reservation to make trouble, Sitting Bull having caused trouble. Two Indians were arrested for killing cattle, but the officers who made the arrests have released great difficulty in arresting them. Considerable alarm is felt and [illegible] feared from roving bands bent on murder and plunder.

Dillon Badly Hurt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—At the [illegible] meeting Tuesday Dillon was hit on the head and face and [illegible] badly hurt.

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TO OUR READERS.

During the coming fall the proprietor of THE DEMOCRAT will call on each subscriber, who is in arrears on subscription for one year or more, for settlement. We hope that those who are behind will bring or send us the amount they are due us so as to avoid unnecessary expense to us. We are badly in need of money and we hope our readers will rally to our support. Please don't forget The DEMOCRAT.

R. Q. Mills is riding the wave of sympathy.

Springer of Ills. gets the chairmanship of the Ways and Means committy.

By the death of Senator Plumb, the alliance may get another United States Senator from Kansas.

By Speaker Crisp's offering representative Mills second place on the ways and means committee, has greatly strengthened the latter's chances for the senate to succeed Chilton.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, died very suddenly of apoplexy in Washington, at 11:55 a m on last Sunday. He was universally admired and loved by political friends and foes.

Hon. Geo. Clark delivered a speech at Denton last Saturday in which he clearly defined his position on the politics of the day. Of course he said: "I am a democrat." That is a stereotyped declaration that is always expected in Texas George see sa great deal of democratic doctrine in the Ocala platform. He does not endorse the sub-treasury plan, yet he thinks that it is a step that will lead to wholesome legislation. He severely criticises the bosses for attempting to kick a certain portion of the farming element out of the democratic party. Everybody readily concedes that the Hon. George is "no fool" and of course his political utterances will always command the attention of the public.

Undoubted the education of the people through the efforts of the alliance, the science of economical government, will shed sufficient light on the political status of America as to reveal to the people an alarming condition of the financial situation. Already, there has been brought to the intelligent understanding of the masses enough to arouse them from their lethargy and awakened on earnest inquiry. What will the people do when they are fully satisfied that the encroachments of a monarchical form of government if far advanced in this country, and that another period of twenty-five years advance, uncheceked, will place the iron heel of plutocracy upon America, that will take nothing short of a revolution to dethrone? They will the say, away with then party, give us true democracy. Gentlemen, that period has about arrived

The politicians of the old parties are beginning to "smell a mouse." We clip the following quotation from a letter of J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the Republican National executive committee to the young republican club convention recently assembled in Cincinnati:

"Money should have all its rights, but money has too many can depress all values in the country, and when one rich man can smite all the banks of the land with palsy and leave them helpless to care for the business interests and the financial credit of their own communities. It is the solemn duty of the republican party to enact just laws to stop all trespass of wealth on the rights of the people. The American republic is still in the morning of its life, and the problems to be settled for the future are such as to engage the ambition of all good men, and particularly of all young men, to whom especially the republican party just now entering on its second generation of life must now commit its fortunes.

Col. Sterrett is determined to plunge this country into war. He sat up the other night until nearly day light translating for his paper a cypher dispatch from Valparaiso in which Bloodthirsty Chilians were made to surround the American legation and Minister Egan was roosting on top of the chimney trying to give alarm signals by means of a feather duster and a nightcap to an American vessel in the harbor. Some Washington newspaper wag has taken advantage of Governor Bill's martial spirit and belligerent soul to palm off a fake on him William should beware how he recklessly monkey's with "war's rude alarums." They may prove as "dangersome" to the unsophisticated newspaper man as was his herculean effort to criticise "Bill Sykes and his Dog"—Ft. Worth Gazette.

Alliance Business Enterprise.

Topeka, Kan, Dec. 15.—The Kansas alliance co-operative mortgage association, capital stock $1,000,000, with Frank McGrath as central figure, is the latest alliance enterprise. The charter was filed this morning with the secetary of state and business will be commenced with the new year. The scheme of co operation is to negotiate directly with eastern capitalists for the necessary amounts for defraying farm mortgage indebtedness without the assistance of middle men. P. B. Maxson of Emporia, Frank McGrath of Beloit, O S. Hiatt of Fairmount, Hiram Baughman of Burton, W. S. Hanna of Ottawa, J. M Nevill of Garnett and O. J. McNaughton of Reno, constitute the board of directors. The company will obtain securities by forming a fund of the effects, personal and real, of the members.

The Vote That Nominated.

To the end that our readers may know how each state voted for speaker, we give the vote;

Alabama, Crisp 8; Arkansas, Crisp 2, Mills 3; California, Mills 2; Connecticut, Mills 3, Delaware, Mills 1; Florida, Crisp 2; Georgia, Crisp 8; Illinois, Crisp 5, Mills 8; Indiana, Mills 6, Crisp 3; Iowa, Mills 6; Kentucky, Crisp 4, Mills 6; Louisiana, Mills 3, Crisp 3; Maryland, Crisp 6; Massachusetts, Crisp 1, Mills 5; Michigan, Mills 2, Crisp 5; Minnesota, Mills 2, Crisp 1; Mississippi, Mills 2, Crisp 5; Missouri, Crisp 4, Mills 9; Montana, Mills 1; New Hampshire, Mills 1, Crisp 1; New Jersey, Crisp 5; New York, Mills 11, Crisp 12; North Carolina, Crisp 8; Ohio, Mills 4, Crisp 10; Pennsylvania, Crisp 5, Mills 5; Rhode Island, Crisp 1, Mills 1; South Carolina, Mills 1, Crisp 6; Tennessee, Crisp 4, Mills 4; Virginia, Crisp 6, Mills 2; West Virginia, Crisp 2, Mills 2; Wisconsin, Mills 8; Texas, Mills 10. Totals, Crisp 117; Mills 109.

Mr. Springer received 1 vote each from Illinois and Nebraska; and 2 from Indiana, and Mr Stevens 1 from Massachusetts.

OIL MILL PROSPECTS.

Stock Subscriptions—Rain and Water Hauling—Dramatic Club.

Farmersville, Tex., Dec. 17—The signs are now good for an oil mill in Farmersville very soon, At a conference between our business men and one of the managers of the Paris oil mill it was proposed by the latter to put in a mill of good capacity here provided the people here would take sufficient stock themselves to guarantee part of the people to make the mill a success. A committee of citizens has the matter of soliciting stock in hand and are making splendid headway.

A good soaking rain fell here Sunday night.

Farmersville lodge No. 2265, Knights of Honor, elected the following officers. Dr. D H Hancock, dictator; W. T. Pryor, past dictator; J. W. Neathery, vice; J. T. Robinson, assistant; W. H Chapman, reporter; I A Loony, financial reporter; M. W. McBride, chaplain; L. T. Norwood, guide; S. B. Hamilton, treasurer; L. T. Robinson, guardian; M. T. Battis, sentinel.

It is reported that up to date something over 500 car loads of water has been hauled away from Cedar lake, near here, by the railroad for the use of the road.

Farmersville is now making arrangements for the organization of an amateurdramatic club and in this line she can boast of some very fine local talent.

Teachers' Institute,

The East Collin Teachers' Institute met in Farmersville, on last Saturday, 12th inst., with the following teachers present: I. A. Looney, N. E Peak, C. W. Jeffrey's, D. D. Kemper, T. F. Lokey, W. W. Jones, John F. Wilds, Miss Sallie Hardin, Z. A. C. Harris and Mr Hunter.

Prof. Looney, chairman and conductor of the work, resolved the teachers into a class and demonstrated the work of teaching primary numbers, elementary sounds of the alphabet, beginners in writing, etc., after which Mr. C. W. Jeffreys read a paper on primary numbers; Mr. N. E. Peak introduced the subject of primary reading, followed by others; Mr. W. W. Jones read a paper on Language Lessons, but on account of his not having time to give the subject as much thought as he desired, he was requested to continue the same subject for next meeting. Prof. Looney was re-elected chairman and conductor of the work for the next meeting.

Following is the program for next meeting which is on the 3rd Saturday in January, 1892: W. W. Jones, paper on Language Lessons, Miss Sallie Hardin, Primary Numbers, Prof. Wrenn, reading. It is earnestly requested that all teachers, school officers and those interested attend the next meeting.

Z. A. C. Harris,
Secretary.

President Jones Speaks,

To the members of the Farmers' Alliance of Texas:

Brethren—In view of the general misunderstanding of many people in Texas in reference to the relation of the Farmers' alliance to political parties, I deem it necessary to issue this address.

The Farmers' alliance is and always has been, a political organization. Our first declaration of purposes reads:

"We shall labor to educate our members in the science of economic government, in a strictly non-partisan spirit."

The words "politics," means the science of government, hence our organization is political; but it will never become a political party, or in any way officially endorse any political party, for the simple reason that all of the unjust conditions that now bear so heavily upon the people, are the outgrowth of partisan prejudice, developed by the various partisan political organizations. I am of the opinion that the time has arrived when all prejudice should be laid aside, and clear reason should be applied in the investigation of the economic issues now confronting us, which must be intelligently solved, if liberty and justice are to be perpetuated.

For this purpose the Farmers' alliance was organized.

For this it has always labored and is now battling.

Our members in the beginning knew but very little about this vital question. We realized that our relief must come through the education of our people upon economic questions. This line of policy has ever been strictly adhered to, and with flattering results, as is clearly demonstrated by the noise made by that class of people who are in harmony with the old political organizations. The only hope of defeating us is to wrench our organization from its present high and aggressive non-partisan ground, and force it into the cess-pool of partisan politics.

Those who have combined, and by organized effort, secured special privileges through legislation, state and national, dread us because they know that our organization is a school, and through its teachings the road to liberty will soon be available to the oppressed. Knowledge is power, and when the masses become educated their power will be irresistible.

The signs on the political horizon have but one meaning, and that is that the lease of tyrants in these United States must end.

The teaching of our press and speakers are bringing to our cause more converts than ever before, and these accessions are the most intelligent of all classes

The teachings of our organization are making intelligent independent voters of our members, the bulwark of constitutional government, and the nucleus around which good men of every calling are rallying from all sections.

Under its teachings sectionalism, that Meeca of the partisan boss, has been destroyed The people of the North and South have again united and a free government is assured.

All we have to do is to persevere in the work and ere long our demands will become the law of the land, and justice will reign.

Brethren stand by the demands of our organization, state and nation, make the alliance a great reserve force for good, and as citizens vindicate your rights at the ballot box, in the way and manner that suits you, allowing no man nor set of men to proscribe

The partisan bosses have attempted to meet our arguments through the press and on the stump In every instance they have been defeated, and from one newspaper in 1886 advocating our principles, we now have 1,300; and from a membership of 20,000, we now number 3,000,000. Having kept our organization out of partisan politics; and learned through its teachings our rights, and how to maintain them, the order is solid and growing everywhere.

EVAN JONES,
President.

SNAP SHOTS.

The city council should always deal in plain English that may be published without—in a great religious newspaper.

The pretty young man wears his bangs on his upper lip.

A record is not necessarily clean because it has nothing on it.

When a man believes a thing heartily he always imagines that he knows it.

Do not wait for the turn of the tide. Plunge in and swim

The moody individual is a study in brown.—Dallas News.

Farmersville, Collin county, Texas, Dec. 22.—The oil mill at this place is now an assured fact, All the stock has been subscribed and at a meeting last night of the subscribers W. B. Young was chosen as the Farmersville director in the company with the two from Paris Steps will be taken at once toward the proper organization and securing of a charter an work will commence in January and the mill and refinery will be ready by September.

To the people of Collin county: The poultry and pet stock show will be held in McKinney on Dec 31 and Jan 1 and 2. Admission ten cents. All are invited each day. At McDonald house, East Louisiana street.

Welcome address, by Prior Hays; response, by Ed. Bancroft of Dallas.

J. D. Carpenter,
Hugo Hays,
J. H. Scott,
Executive Committee.
McKinney, Dec. 15, 1891.

The most dangerous thing in this country is the party label. It never means what it says, but it is by no means meaning-

A TALK WITH A BURGLAR

MEANS AND METHODS USED BY SUCCESSFUL CRACKSMEN.

How a Man Who Has "Done Time" for Safe Breaking Operates—He Says That to Open Safes Is Comparatively Easy Work—Time and Money Spent on Tools.

Did you ever meet a real live flesh and blood burglar? I mean a man who has made a living by cracking other people's safes, by housebreaking and robbery—who has "done time" in various prisons and who is under police surveillance everywhere he goes? The man with the cast iron countenance, the shifty eyes and the hunted look?

Of course, no. You would shrink from such society. Yet there is a certain novelty in the sensation. Such men pass you on the street and leave no more distinct impression than the touch of a bank president who has absorbed the money of his depositors, and is yet at large unexposed. It is only when you are brought face to face with the burglar in a dark room, with his blinking bullseye shining in your face and the cold muzzle of his pistol pressed against your temples, that the sensation is experienced in all its blood curdling intensity. And I feel sure you would rather be excused from such a meeting.

To have an old friend "on the force" say to you suddenly some day: "Would you like to meet a burglar? Here he is now," and raising a significant finger draw a plainly dressed and shambling figure from the passing Broadway throng into a back room and say, "This man is a bank sneak and burglar." That conveys a different and perhaps more agreeable sensation. And that is the sensation I have just experienced.

EASY WORK TO OPEN ANY SAFE.

"When'll you fellers let up on a man?" was the first and rather plaintive inquiry of the ex-convict. His face took on an innocent and woe begone look.

The policeman addressed him familiarly, asked him what he was doing on Broadway and a string of questions, not severely, but rather inviting confidence and conversation. When the man found he was not wanted, and that a newspaper man was his other auditor, he talked glibly. He had been reading a recent interview with a well known safe manufacturer.

"There isn't a bank vault or safe lock made," said the burglar, "that can't be opened by an expert. I became an adept at the business while in the employ of a safe manufacturer. I picked locks as a legitimate business from New York to San Francisco. Every safe company has men who can do the same thing. The first thing a bank official or anybody else does, when the safe lock gets out of order, is to send to the manufactory and they send an expert who opens the safe. The ordinary combination lock is easily picked. There are time locks which cannot be worked so easily, especially modern ones. Some combination locks have a micrometer proof attachment. That? Why, it's an arrangement which is supposed to prevent the successful use of the micrometer, a little machine which can be attached to the handle of the lock and has an indicator which shows the thickness and variation of the tumblers.

"Some of these cheap combination locks have a bell-like sound or click and these can be easily read. And some combinations run in grooves and can be detected at once. You might as well have a house door lock and latchkey on a safe as one of them. The latest and best combination lock gives out no sound whatever, and, while it may be opened, it would take an expert a good deal of time. There is a good deal of sameness about the old style combination locks, and when you get used to them they are as easily opened as a street door.

BADLY MADE SAFES.

"While the modern bank burglar must be and usually is an expert on combinations, he by no means relies upon that. A dozen years ago I could open any lock within forty-five minutes. The improvements have been such, however, that that method cannot longer be depended upon. It isn't true, as stated in this safe manufacturer's interview, that the safes operated upon successfully by burglars are simply fireproof safes, and that no so called burglar proof safes are being cracked. All that formidable looking array of bolts you see on a burglar proof amount to nothing if you can pick the lock. The two side bolts are the important ones. The others catch the eye, but don't make the safe any stronger.

"The weight or material is not so formidable to a burglar as the quality, and there is much poor material put into safes. Now, there is a weakness in almost every safe, and it is the burglar's art to find it out. Some have better steel in the back than in the front, and sometimes the steel is tougher and better tempered in one part than another. I can tell at once as to the hardness and thickness of steel plating. I've had drills, however, that would go through anything. I could put a hole through two average steel plates in thirty minutes. The skill and genius that have been expended upon burglars' tools is something extraordinary, and the pains that are taken sometimes to lay the foundation of great burglaries or a system of small ones would be astonishing to honest people.

"I know of a case where a valuable safe was purchased for the experimental work. For instance, several country banks may be found using the same safe. By the purchase of one of the same kind and make the experts had an indefinite time to study out its weaknesses. They then descended upon the selected spoils and got away with the boodle.

"Another way is to go right to the manufactory and see how they are made, just like the fellow did who wrote that article. You have read accounts of repeated burglaries in certain sections within a very short time? Well, they are usually on a certain set of safes."—New York Telegram.

The Monkey Stole the Angel's Wings.

The first week of the circus closed with an immense audience, whose liberal applause stimulated the performers to surpass their usual excellence.

The audience was treated to an entirely new version of the "Dawn of Christianity," the brilliant finale of the "Fall of Rome," when Jocko, the dogfaced baboon, took an unexpected part. Jocko enjoys considerable freedom, and during the performance he slipped unnoticed from his perch in the dressing room and emerged from a door in the heathen temple into the glare of the lime lights while Christianity was dawning.

Jocko recognized his dear friend Mme. Bumond posing as an angel with glistening wings, and in a mischievous spirit he snatched the wings, then turned and fled precipitously down the Appian Way.

Mme. Bumond pursued her departing wings, and the rest of the angels, convulsed with laughter, fled into the interior city. Then the spectators applauded the race between the baboon and the wingless angel until they disappeared within the gates of Rome. Hereafter Jocko will be obliged to confine his genius to his own specialty, in which he is emi-

A TROUBLESOME TAME OSTRICH

A Pet That Generally Makes Itself a Terrible Nuisance to Everybody.

When, as sometimes happens, a solitary ostrich chick is reared at the house it becomes inconveniently tame. We had one called Jackie, and it was often a terrible nuisance. All the little darkies about the place had a lively dread of him. As they sat on the ground at meals with plates of boiled pumpkin and rice in their laps Jackie would come up and, stretching his snakelike neck over their heads or under their arms, would coolly help himself to the contents of one plate after another. Occasionally he would make for the unhappy youngsters in so menacing a manner as to frighten them into dropping their plates altogether; then, while his victims ran away crying, he would squat on his heels and regale his enormous appetite at leisure.

But one day retribution came. Being free to run into the kitchen—simply because no one could keep him out—he was not long in observing that the pumpkin and rice always came from one particular pot, and the idea suddenly occurring to him that he could do no better than to go straight to the fountain head for his favorite dish, he walked up, full of joyful anticipation, to the fire where this pot was boiling. The cook—who, being mother to several of the illused children, did not love Jackie—offered no friendly interference to save him from his fate, and plunging his bill into the pot, he greedily scooped up, and with the lightninglike rapidity of ostriches, tossed down his throat a big mouthful of the boiling rice.

Then there was what boys would call a "circus." Jackie began dancing around the kitchen, writhing with agony, shaking his head nearly off and twisting his neck as if bent on tying it in a knot. Finally he dashed wildly from the house, and the last seen of him was a little cloud of white dust vanishing on the horizon. He returned a sadder and wiser bird, and it was long before he would venture again inside the kitchen.

When about a year old Jackie was sold to a farmer that had long coveted him. No doubt he soon repented of his purchase. The bird was now now strong enough to give a good hard kick—that is the way ostriches fight—and being a more daring freebooter than ever, and no respecter of persons, he would march up and attack any one he saw carrying what he thought might be food, endeavoring, by a well aimed blow, to strike it out of their hands; and he was generally successful.

At last his master, tired of hearing complaints about his conduct, and impatient of his perpetual intrusion indoors, tried putting him into a camp inclosed by a wire fence. There, however, he obstinately refused to remain. As soon as he was put in he would squat down, laying his head and neck on the ground; then, making himself as flat as possible, he would squirm out under the lowest wire of the fence.

But Jackie soon ceased from troubling. His evil, as may be imagined, was brought about by no other cause than his own moral obliquity. One day he wandered down to the river where some Kaffir women were washing clothes, their children, a group of little animated nude bronzes, playing near them. One little fellow, who was eating, was of course instantly spied out by the greedy and covetous Jackie. The marauder, however, this time paid the penalty of his lawlessness, for in rushing to kick the little darky and thus capture the food, he fell down the rocky bank of the river and broke his leg. Then Jackie, like all other broken legged ostriches, had to be killed.—Philadelphia Times.

The Use of the Voice.

Among the small things, as generally considered, but great ones as I look at them, I the use of the voice. Here is a sample of a very common conversation, such as we hear in many homes: "Maria, did you tell Tom to go for the milk?" "Hey?" "Did you tell Tom what I said?" "What did you tell me to tell him?" "To go for the milk." No reply. Then comes the question again. "Maria, will you tell me if you sent Tom?" "Yes, I did." Here is a great waste of both time and strength, and generally of patience as well. The habit with many people is very persistent not to answer directly, but to first compel a repetition of a question or a remark. In the course of a year such duplicate remarks if put together, would make a large volume. The habit should be formed of careful listening and direct responding. Some persons respond indirectly in order to gain time. They are made up with a lack of straightforwardness. They never wish to commit themselves promptly, but most persons who indulge the habit are simply heedless and indifferent to others' rights. A few have preoccupied minds, and a question has to be repeated two or three times to get through the circumambient meditation.—Mary E. Spencer in St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Colors of Women.

Balzac, the French author, says that a woman's character finds expression in her favorite color. A woman who prefers orange or green gowns is, he thinks, quarrelsome. Those who sport yellow hats or who go clad in black without cause are not to be trusted. White should indicate coquetry. Gentle and thoughtful women prefer pink. Pearl gray is the color of women who consider themselves unfortunate. Lilac is the shade particularly affected by overripe beauties; therefore lilac hats are mostly worn by mothers on their daughters' marriage day and by women more than forty years old when they go visiting.—San Francisco Argonaut.

He Kept His Word.

"Oh, what do you think!" exclaimed Miss Elder.

"Well," replied Miss Pimp.

"Mr. Simcoe proposed to me last night."

"Did he? Well, when I refused him the night before he threatened to do something desperate, but I didn't think he would be that rash."—New York Epoch.

Two Heads for a Wife.

H. C. Matheson is an English engineer who has been in the employ of the Chinese government for four years. "Some months ago," said he, "there was a great deal of trouble between the natives of Formosa and the Chinese. The former are savage fellows and object to the encroachments of the latter. There was, and is yet for that matter, an unwritten law among the natives of Formosa which forbids any young man to marry until he has cut off two Chinese heads, and a little anxiety to plunge into matrimony causes a reduction in the Chinese population. This was one cause of the trouble."—San Francisco Call.

No seed potatoes will be discributed this year by the department of agriculture. The eyes which have been shipped in past years were found too perishable, either rotting or freezing before they were planted, and whole potatoes are too bulky to handle.

A sturgeon was recently caught on the Fraser river, British Columbia, which weighed 806 pounds. The monster measured

A Six-year-old Giant.

There is a remarkable specimen of a boy in the New Jersey Reform school at Jamesburg. He has been made a ward of the state because it is not considered safe for him to be at large. He is only six years old, but has the manners and the maturity of a young man of twenty and the mustache of a man much older. He is called by the medical men who have examined him a precocious baby and a wonder in more ways than one. His name is Herman Hoffer. He is more than four feet in height, has a nicely curled blond mustache and can strike from the shoulder with the force of a sledgehammer. He can move a barrel of flour and lift easily a 200 pound weight. His parents have found it impossible to control him.

The boy is not only the admiration of his companions, but the terror of the neighborhood. He can whip any boy in Trenton, and he occasionally amused himself by playing David to the town Philistines. The parents were forced to appeal to Judge Robert S. Woodruff, of the Mercer circuit court, to put him in subjection. He was examined by Dr. Horace G. Wetherill, who pronounced him a phenomenon and a remarkable case. The boy is now at Jamesburg and the wonder of the institution. He has not yet made any trouble. He is too deeply interested in his new surroundings. He is attending the school, but the teachers have not yet reached a conclusion as to the trend of his mind.—Exchange.

Snakes in West Virginia.

It is evident that West Virginia does not intend to be relegated to the background while the narration of snake stories is going on, and she relates through the medium of a dispatch the following bonncer: "While two lumbermen named McCray and Deners were felling timber near Cleveland, Webster county, they cut down a large linn tree which was literally alive with snakes of a variety never before found in this vicinity. They were brown in color, large in size—having yellow jaws, from which they continuously evicted a slimy matter—and were exceedingly vicious, attacking the men as soon as the tree fell. After killing a large number, McCray and Deners were obliged to retreat. Securing assistance, they returned to the spot and a general slaughter took place, not less than 500 reptiles being killed. Investigation was then made and from 1,500 to 2,000 eggs were found in various parts of the tree."

Eating Buckwheat Cakes.

Says a gentleman who attended the recent Methodist conference in Washington: "I was amused at the way in which a few English delegates conducted themselves at the hotel. It reminded me of the story told about Matthew Arnold on the occasion of his visit to this country. When at Cleveland he was generously entertained. One morning his host put before him at the breakfast table, among other things, buckwheat cakes. For a long time neither he nor his wife took any cakes, but noticing that his American friends ate them with a great apparent relish and gusto, he gingerly took one on his plate and tasted it very critically. Then leaning over to his wife he said, 'You'd better try one, deah, they ah not half so nawsty as they look.'"—New York Tribune.

Japanese Cigarettes in China.

During the month of May last the export of Japanese cigarettes to Shanghai aggregated 552,500, from which it may be inferred that the foreign residents of China are beginning to appreciate the Japanese article. But unfortunately, as is usually the case with everything exported from this country, the necessity of keeping up the quality of the article is not appreciated.

Adulteration with leaves of the lotus, the goba and so forth, has been resorted to, with the result of greatly injuring the reputation which the cigarettes were just beginning to earn. The Tokio news agency addresses a word of timely warning to the shore-pirated manufacturers.—Japanese Mail.

Cut Off His Ten Foot Beard.

Mr. Phil Henson, the gentleman distinguished for having produced the longest beard in the world, found it so inconvenient and uncomfortable that he was induced to cut it off. A number of his friends had planned to place him in charge of the Mississippi department of the World's exposition at Chicago, where it was presumed his remarkable beard would prove a striking feature in the attractions, and much regret is felt that he chose to relieve himself of that incumbrance. The beard was by actual measurement about ten feet long.—Corinth Herald.

Sunday Labor in Maine.

A wealthy New York merchant has employed a minister to labor in rural Maine for a year among the "unchurched." People who have not investigated the matter have little idea of the opportunities for such labor. On cross-roads within ten miles of Lewiston there is absolutely no observance of the Sabbath. Men were in the fields pulling turnips and women were hanging out washings last Sunday.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

A Queer Bird.

While a gentleman was out hunting near Crawfordville last week he noticed something curious swimming just under the water. It didn't seem to be a fish nor yet a bird. Presently it rose, shook the water from its wings and started to fly, when he shot it down. It had a head like a turtle, wings like a bat and a tail scaly like a carp. There were two feet webbed like a goose.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Lull in Europe Before the Storm.

In Europe 3,000,000 armed men are sullenly facing each other, waiting only for the word to spring at each other's throats. War has long been thought of as imminent, and this state of things has come to be regarded as normal. This anomalous condition is without a parallel in history.—Forum.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

A necklace of small pale blue and yellow sapphires is very beautiful.

A tiara of gold wire and pearls copies the structure that held Marie Stuart's coif.

A new scarfpin has a gold perter bearing a pearl for a bag of flour on its shoulder.

Ruby spirals and garnets set in squares and centered with gold are used as queen chains.

A white polka dotted enamel bow rimmed with gold is the most chic fastening imaginable for a watch.

A very pretty stickpin is a serpent with a jeweled eye, the ball of which is carried down and forms the pin.

Glove stretchers of stained ivory are confined at the points of intersection with ornamental bands of silver gilt.

The most popular necklace has alternate stones, ruby and diamond, or emerald and diamond, dropping from a narrow gold tape.

Rosewood boxes mounted with brass are equipped for the card table with counters, cards, chips, stowed away in luxurious recesses.

Metallic ribbons of all the hues of the

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

An albino catfish nine inches long weighing over a pound has been on exhibition at Lancaster, Pa.

Four whales crossed the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river recently, swam the stream a mile or so, then quietly turned around and returned to the Pacific.

The giraffe is now threatened with permanent extinction. Ten years ago the herd of seventy and eighty could be found where today thirteen would be an exceptionally large herd.

A man at Fort Valley, Ga., has a calf with six legs and two heads, the body separated from each other at the neck, making the calf two distinct heads, with a pair of eyes, teeth and ears each.

No animal has more than five toes, digits or claws to each foot or limb. The horse is one toed, the ox two toed, the rhinoceros is three toed, the hippopotamus is four toed and the elephant and hundreds of other animals are five toed.

A sportsman in Wilbur, Or., has trained two eagles to catch geese. He weights their bodies so that they cannot fly after they have captured the game. He follows them on horseback and takes the geese from their claws. Once they caught 7 geese at one time—one in each claw.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

A great many giants become very small when you get close to them.

The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his gravestone.

There are people who wouldn't lift the lip for anything, and yet they live it every day in the week.

The man who lives all the time with his head in the clouds generally has both feet squarely across somebody's neck.

There is a difference between sitting before the fire and thinking about doing and going out into the cold and doing it.

You can tell more about a man's character by trading horses with him once than you can by hearing him talk for a year at prayer meeting.

The man who has the courage to fail in trying to do right rather than succeed in wrong is the real hero, no matter whether he wears a paper cap or a crown on his head.

When the marble chip falls, perhaps it wonders how the statue is going to get along without it. There are men who never help the world much until they get out of it.—Ram's Horn.

Payday Comes After Eighteen Years.

Charles King, of Little Falls, has done a very commendable thing by paying $4,600 to the operators that worked in the Saxony mill at the time of the failure of A. & C. King, which occurred in 1873, during a depression of the woolen trade. Mr. King was not obliged to pay this money, but he always felt that the first time he controlled the amount of capital that would pay off the wages due at the time of their unfortunate failure he would meet all demands. One hundred and three persons, who were working in the mill on the day of suspension, have been made happy by receiving checks for their back wages. A few of the old employes have moved away and some are dead. The heirs of deceased operatives will be paid the amount due them.—Utica (N. Y.) Herald and Globe.

The Heaviest Yoke of Steers.

In a freight train which passed through Hannibal on the St. Louis, Kirksville and Northwestern the first day from Lexington to St. Louis were the celebrated Walker twin steers. These cattle are registered at the Chicago exchange as the largest in the world. They were raised in Jasper county, Mo., by Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker values them very highly, and will not ship them by railroad unless the railroad insures them. The railroad company had them insured for $10,000. They are 6 years old, stand 6 feet 6 inches long, 14 feet around the chest or heart, 3 feet 2 inches across the hips. Their aggregate weight is 5,000 pounds.—Chi. St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The First Home of the Flag.

The little old building on Arch street above Second, where Betsey Ross made the first flag of stars and stripes for the United States army, is likely to be removed bodily and taken to Chicago for exhibition at the World's fair. The building is owned by Mrs. Amelia Claghorn and she has been asked to name a price for the property, the prospective purchaser being a western gentleman. The Pennsylvania Historical society desires to buy the house and remove it to Fairmount park, alongside of Penn's house, but has not the money available. Mrs. Claghorn would prefer that the old house remain in Philadelphia.—Philadelphia Record.

An Indignant Justice.

Justice Nichols, of Independence, is threatening to sue for damages a couple who promised to be wedded in his office because they were married in Justice Prewitt's court. He claims it is a breach of contract.

On Tuesday night, so Justice Nichols says, he was approached by a young man who contracted for his services as a marriage to take place the next afternoon. The time drew near and the justice primed and read waiting in his office for the coming of the couple. He had filled out the application and had it ready for the signature of the prospective groom, and had appointed Hon. Sam and Parson Davis as the couple that he waited for never came.

Meantime, in the office of Justice Pruitt, the couple were quietly married. They received their certificate and promptly returned home. The justice was still waiting expectant when he learned that the couple had already been married and returned home. He declared his intention of bringing suit against them for damages and breach of contract.

The justice is emphatic in his determination and says he will make it a case.—Kansas City Times.

Interesting Decision.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Chief Justice Elliott of the Indiana supreme court handed down a decision, he other concurring, in which it is declared that a wife has a perfect right to sue for damages against any one alienating her husband's affections. This is contrary to the old common law and the custom of this country, man alone being considered the prerogative of obtaining money as a recompense for a wife's loss. The case decided today was an appeal from the circuit court of Dearborn county, wherein the judge knocked out a suit for $25,000 damages on a charge of murder.

Regular Indian Scare.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 12.—Two troops at Fort Keogh were ordered to the Cheyenne agency, where the Indians were dancing, contrary to orders from the agency, and thereafter to proceed to the general land office, the order also to prevent settlers in the reservation to make any disproof having caused trouble. Two Indians were arrested for killing cattle, but the officers who made the arrest experienced great difficulty in arresting them. Considerable alarm is felt and danger is feared from roving bands bent on murder and plunder.

Dillon Badly Hurt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—At the Parnell public meeting Tuesday John Dillon was hit on the head and face with a stone and badly hurt.

It is said that Kingston will be trained next year, but will go into the Lexington stable, although 7 years old.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Houston and Texas Central Railway Time Table.

Going North,	No. 13	Arrives	5:35	a. m.
" "	" 3	"	9:33	a. m.
" "	" 2	"	8:38	p. m.
" South	" 2	"	6:02	a. m.
" "	" 4	"	4:45	p. m.
" "	" 14	"	9:11	p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. S. Weaver, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. ——— superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

METHODIST.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:15 p. m. Rev. J. A. Stafford, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m. ——— superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN.

Preaching every Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder Pritchett, pastor. Sunday school every Sabbath 9:30 a. m. P. Harris, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:45 p. m.. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. T. C. Perry, superintendent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Merry Christmas.

Ye editor was in Dallas Tuesday on business.

Merry Christmas again.

R. C. Knott leaves this week for a visit to the old home state.

Merry, merry Christmas.

B. B. Bryant has been very sick but is able to be up now.

Merry Christmas to all.

Tomorrow is Xmas and the invitations come rolling in—slowly.

The heavy rains the first of the week assures a good wheat crop.

G. C. Thomas, the Democrat foreman, was on the sick list Tuesday.

Chas. Parker, foreman of the Sherman Daily Register, is in the city sick

R. A. Cannedy of Allen favored us by subscribing for the Democrat this week.

G. C. Thompson and family have moved to the W. W. Merritt farm just north of the city.

On Xmas and other occasions the turkey becomes a martyr to ravenous appetites.

Ring boards, jewelry stands, auction store, etc., seem to thrive better in McKinney then at any point in Texas.

Bloomdale celebrates her annual alliance day on Saturday next and a large attendance is anticipated.

Stratoism is progressing finely, and we hope ere February 1st to get it before the public completed.

The rains we've been having were much needed, as water has been very scarce for several months.

J. A. Hoxsey, of Eugleman neighborhood, has moved to Bonnie, Montague county, and the Democrat follows him.

We have heard it stated that there are a few cases of glanders among the horses in McKinney.

J. L. Hill of Weatherford and a former business man of McKinney was visiting here this week.

A great many people are taking advantage of the holiday excursion rates to visit their old homes.

Arthur Lawrence, one of the Democrat compositors layed off Tuesday, on the account of sickness.

Elsworth Post G. A. R. meets the first Saturday in each month, A. F. Wilson Post commander.

H. E. Basham, the genial proprietor of the Rocks House, returned Sunday from a visit to Southern Texas.

Obituary.

Whereas, It has pleased God in his wisdom to take from our midst our beloved brother, M. W. Strickland, who was a faithful member of this allliance (Spring Hill) No. 800

Resolved, That in the loss of Bro. Strickland, this order has lost a worthy member, and the community a good citizen. Also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Southern Mercury, Farmersville Times and the McKinney Democrat for publication, and one to the bereaved family.— Com.

A son of M. D. Pusser, a merchant of Gibraltar, N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more, as to be unable to work or go to school. His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

F. T. Cook, of Sherman, representing the New York Life Insurance Company, is with us again this week, closing up the years business for his company at this place.

For pain in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. For sale by Bristol Bros.

J. C. Denton and family left last Saturday for Fisher County Texas to make their future home. The Democrat wishes them success in their new home.

A lady was so reduced in flesh last summer by the chills that she actually had to wear suspendors to hold her corset up. Some friend advised her to take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic—she did so. That pair of suspendors for sale. She now tips the beam at 140 lbs.

Shaving, 10c at Dan Biggs' Barber Shop (opposite J. P. Dowell's) Ike Crowder, Wm. Yeldel, Tonsorial artists

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic has gradually made its way into almost every Southern State; we we might say, every Southern family. It could not have done this had it not been a medicine of rare merit. When you have chills give it an honest trial and it will surely cure you. Price 50 and 75 cents. Guaranteed.

Messrs J. A. Spaugh and C. L. Snyder from near Verona left last Monday morning for a visit to their old home in North Carolina. The Democrat wishes them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of itch. Price 50 cents.

John Higgins has returned from south east Texas where he has been on a two months hunt shooting deer, ducks, alligators, etc. He says that a great many bear is found down there.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 10 or 75 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his ease would be restored. It will cure chills. Guaranteed.

J. A. Crutcher left last Tuesday for a visit to his old home near Marshall, Tennessee.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sume of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

[Seal] A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

Ike Rogers of Rowland made a flying trip to Dallas last Tuesday in company with y editor.

If you wish a good [illegible] call on S. J. F. Dowell's [illegible]

Remarkable Facts.

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when properly treated a large proportion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch, of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill., says that Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, which cured the former, "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan, of Buchanan, Mich., who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "feel like a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Smith Bros. sole agents. Book of wonderful testimonials free.

H. W. Ardinger, a former merchant of this city but late of Dallas, Tex., has purchased the Wakefield stock of dry goods, on the west side of the square, and is now busily engaged in selling out the stock at a very low price. Mr. Ardinger is well known to the people of Collin county as a thorough business man and one who can be depended upon for fair dealing. For many years he sold goods in McKinney, during which time he became attached to Collin and her people; hence his return.

A National Event,

The holding of the World's Fair in a city scarcely fifty years old will be a remarkable event, but whether it willl really benefit this nation as much as the discovery of the Restorative Nervine by Dr. Franklin Miles is doubtful. This is just what the American people need to cure their excessive nervousness, dyspepsia, headache, dizziness, sleeplessness, neuralgia, nervous debility, dullness, confusion of mind, etc. It acts like a charm. Trial bottles and fine books on Nervous and Heart Diseases, with unequaled testimonials, free at Smith Bros. drug store. It is guaranteed to contain no opium, morphine or dangerous drugs.

On last Wednesday as the East Line was coming from McKinney, when in a few miles of Farmersville some miscreant, concealed on the side of the road, shot at the rear passenger coach, the ball going in at one window and out at another. This is a crime that is inexcusable and the guilty party if found out, should read the full penalty of the law.—Farmersville Times.

The laws of health are taught in the schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold, was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry, loud cough and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later, as the cold developed, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first sypmtoms appear. This remedy is famous for it's cure of coughs, colds and croup. It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and most reliable medicine known for the purpose. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

A Narrow Escape.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 18.—Last night Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of W. B. Harrison, attempted in her mother's absence to reach an article on the mantle. Her apron caught fire and the little one screamed. Hearing the cry, her mother ran to her and, with a devotion a mother only can feel, enveloped and smothered the flames with her dress. The child escaped with slight injuries.

Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a Cough; Cold, or any trouble with throat, chest or lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back. Sufferers from La Grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at E. N. McAuley & Bro. drug store. Large size 50c. and $1.

Mustache cups and saucers at the Nickle Store.

WEDDING BELLS

Merrily Peal Forth Upon the Evening Air.

STIFF—MASSEY.

Last Thursday evening just as the king of day was lowering behind the western horizon, a brace of Democrat reporters left the busy precincts of McKinney to attend the wedding of Mr. James Stiff and Miss Lou Massey at the residence of our esteemed friend, Uncle David Bomar, who lives about five miles east of McKinney on the Ladonia road.

The groom, in company with Robert Stiff, just preceded us, consequently the drive was made more pleasant by a merry conversation with them.

We were agreeably surprised, upon our arrival at the wedding scene, by meeting a large assemblage of our country friends which numbered near one-hundred. We were cordially received by Uncle Dave and his estimable lady, who were not long in convincing us that we were "at home."

Of those present we give the following partial list: Sam Massey and lady, Dick Massey and lady, Uncle Sam Massey, Bettie, Laura and Sallie Wallace, Ada and Polly Younger, Bessie Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bomar, John Mitchell, Chief Warden, Mr. and Mrs Bud Scott, Aunt Sallie Stiff, E. L. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bomar, A. B. Cockrell, R. G. Welsh, John and Isom Younger, Ed Bomar and a host of others, the names of whom we cannot call to mind at this writing.

Just at 7 o'clock p. m. the merry throng was hushed into silence by the appearance of the groom with the lovely bride leaning upon his arm. Rev. Douglass of Melissa arose and briefly but impressively performed the marriage ceremony. Eager relatives and friends gathered around to congratulate the happy pair and wish for them a future filled with joy.

From the marriage altar, ye reporters joined ranks and bravely marched to the front, with a determination to make a relentless attack upon the wedding feast, the quality and bounteousness of which our pen is unable to do justice in describing. Suffice it to say, that everybody (even unto the hungry newspaper man) received plenty to satisfy the most sharpened appetite. It was a joyful occasion in which wit and humor pervaded every nook and corner, causing the vase of joy to overflow.

The center of attraction was the young bride and groom, the former being an orphan girl whose beauty and grace, supplemented by intelligence and noble qualities of heart and soul, has won for her a large circle of admiring friends. The latter is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stiff, and who also enjoys a large circle of friends, the fruits of nobleness and worth, sweetened by industry.

It was with reluctance that we withdrew from the pleasant scene to wend our way back to McKinney by the light of fair Luna.

We hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our worthy entertainers while for the happy bride and groom we wish their future pathway to be strewn with garlands of never-fading flowers while the music of joy reverberates forever between the walls of two eternities!

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by E. N. McAuley & Bro. drug store.

For pure drugs and medicines and fine whiskies and brandies go to City Drug Store.

A Flying Trip to Melissa.

Last Sunday afternoon the writer, in company with T. M. Wilson, G. F. Albright and Arthur Lawrence, started on a pedestrian trip northward on the H. & T. C. railroad. Upon reaching the East Fork bridge about three and a half miles this side of Melissa, it was suggested by one of the crowd who seemed to be an enthusiast on the walking business, that we walk to Melissa in time to meet the train which was due there about 4:30 p. m. Upon examining our watches we found that we had just 32 minutes to reach Melissa a bout 3 1 2 miles away.

The race began. Two of the number (including ye editor) had overcoats on which proved quite a burden upon such an occasion, yet, on we flew, pell mell, over irregular ties, culverts etc. Of course we were all short of breath and at times were almost ready to stop and contemplate what "durn fools" we were, when the near approach of some unruly cur would pursuade us to quicken our pace or submit to the awful catastrophy of losing the rear end of our pantaloons.

Our pen is not competent to portray the ridiculous appearance of our entrance into the city of Melissa.

With flushed faces and with almost a hopeless movement we boarded a coach just as the iron steed was puffing and moving towards home—McKinney.

Our brief visit to Melissa was plesant—especially to its good citizens whom we had no time to bore.

SANTA CLAUS FOUND.

Each day crowds of children and parents are grouped around Wisemans corner show window.

The little ones seem satisfied and sure they have found their man, who is coming down the chimney laden with toys of all kinds—candy, little shoes etc.

In the room below, the little ones are in bed asleep; Florence is awake, while Maud is up and peeping into the fire place to see Santa come down. Dont fail to see this free display and say, as others have, that it is a head of any thing in Dallas.

To-morrow is Christmas and while many are gathering around the feast of plenty they should appreciate the fact that hundreds and thousands are suffering in want.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

School Teachers and Christmas Tree Committee.

A. T. Wilson & Co., have anticipated your wants and laid in a heavy supply of fine candies, put up in suitable packages for distribution, which will be sold very cheap.

Star Restaurant,
East Louisiana street.

New World.

New World, problem of the Contest between Capital and Labor Solved (political part), can be had at this office for 75 cents per copy by orders being sent in before it is out—postage paid. After the book is published it will be put on the market for $1.00. Arrangements is made to dispose of a number of these books to persons living abroad as soon as published. So, those not putting in orders may fail to get any from the first issue.

Accounts Due.

All parties indebted to me on note or accounts are notified that they are now due and my books closed for the year. I need the money and must have it. An early settlement will oblige, H. C. Herndon.

The Nickle Store is selling at cost—postage stamps.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds, Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

Toy trapize performance at the Nickle Store.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by county clerk Keen, since our last report:

Charley Maynard and Mary Shuping, Henry W. Smith and Laura Penn, J. S. Skipper and Eva Crowder, Jack Glass and Clara Patton, Sheppard W. King and Birdie M. Wilcox, J. A. Smith and Mrs. I. O. Long, J. H. Stiff and Lou Massie, A. T. Simmons and Annie Wetsel, J. M. Lotta and A. J. Dunn, J. K. Pace, and M. M. Goodin, C. P. Knott and Martha Carr, S. B. Talbot and Lou Watts, E. D. Skelton and Helen Townsend, J. A. Hefner and D. E. Johnson, G. W. Tillerson and Mary E. Weston, W. P. Moore and Emma Harris, George Howewright and Mattie Bone, C. E Perkins and Belle Reeves, S. A. Finley and Minnie Whisenant, B. E. Corkey and S. E. Baldridge, R. O. Cox and Anna Jennings.

What Your Great Grandmother Did.

She hetcheled the flax and carded the wool, and wove the linen, and spun the tow, and made the clothes for her husband and ten children. She made butter and cheese, she dipped tallow candles, to light the house at night, and she cooked all the food for her household by an open fire-place and a brick oven. Yes; and when she was forty years of age, she was already an old lady whose best days were over. Her shoulders were bent and her joints enlarged by hard work, and she wore spectacles and a cap. Her great grand-daughter, with all the modern conveniences for comfort, refinement and luxury, may be as charming and attractive at forty five as at twenty. Especially is this true if she preserves her health and beauty by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which wards off all female ailments and irregularities, cures them if they already exist, keeps the life current healthful and vigorous, and enables the woman of middle age to retain the freshness of girlhood upon brow and cheek, the light of youth in her eyes, and its elasticity in her step. Sold by all druggists.

The Democratic Club.

Monday night, the 14th inst, the democratic club of precinct No. 1, Collin county, met in regular session at the court house. Present and presiding chairman Beverly and secretary Mangum at his post. On call of the roll a quorum was found to be present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Under the call for the enrollment of new names five responded and were enrolled.

There being no unfinished business to dispose of, a call for miscellanous business was made and Hon H. C. Mack offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that this club hereby expresses its sincere regret at the defeat of Hon. R. Q. Mills for speaker of the house of representatives, and endorse his candidacy for the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Reagan." The resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion the following subject was selected for discustion at the next regular meeting.

"Resolved, that a primary election is preferable to a convention in county politics."

After the transaction of routine business, the allowing of a few accounts and appointment of auditing committee, visiting democrats were called on for speeches. Capt. Bumpass and Mr. Geo. Hardin, of Farmersville, gave the club some sound democratic talk. The club then adjourned until next regular meeting.

It is very important that every democrat in this precinct be present at the next meeting as the question will be discussed as to how nominations for county offices shall be made, whether by primary elections or a party convention. Let every man in the precinct who desires the success of the democratic party in 1892, be present and take an interest in the discussion. The party will soon be called upon to settle the question. Let us go in to win, let harmony prevail in the organization, and victory next November will be the result.—Examiner.

Engleman Items.

Engleman Texas.
Dec. 16, 1891

I haven't seen anything from this place for some time will give a few dots

Mr. J. W. Thompson and son are in the neighborhood visiting.

Miss Jennie Chany returned yesterday from a six week visit to her sisters.

Mrs. J. A. Hayes, of Marshal, Texas, and Miss Alice Langley, of Courtney, I. T., also arriyed yesterday to spend the holidays with Miss Jennie Chany.

The la grippe has full sway in this vicinity at present.

Yours Truly,
Pansy.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr Miles' Pills speedly cure biliousness bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequal for men, women, children. Smallest mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Sample Free, at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Mrs. Murphy, mother of Mrs. T. C. Pery, of this city, died at her home in Sherman last week

The Handsomest Lady in McKinney

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merit, any druggist will give you a Sample Bottle Free. Large size 50c and $1.

How long will it be until the snap shot man shoots himself?

The Population of McKinney

Is about 5,000, and we would say at least one half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large Bottles 50c and $1. Sold by all druggists

Appointed to the Cadetship.

Denton, Denton County, Texas, Dec. 20.—Hon. J. W. Bailey, congressman from this district, today notified Johnnie Mounts that he had been appointed to the cadetship at West Point from this congressional district, with young Merit, of McKinney as alternate. The news of John's success is received here with pleasure by his many friends. He is a bright youth of seventeen, born and raised in this city, and formerly represented the Gazette here as newsboy. Provided he succeeds in passing the necessary examination at the institute, he will doubtless reflect credit up on his town and county.

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and $1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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Will Not Peel or Stick

All Improved Slickers have beside the Fish Brand TRADEMARK on every Coat a

Soft Woolen Collar.

Watch Out!

Send for Catalogue.

A. J. TOWER, MFR. BOSTON, MASS.

FOR DYSPEPSIA,
Indigestion, and Stomach disorders use
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
All dealers keep it. 25 per bottle. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Go to A. T. Wilson & Co., for Christmas supplies.

For holiday goods go to A. T. Wilson & Co.

R. C. Knott, blacksmith, requests us to state that his accounts are due and all those who owe him are urgently requested to settle at once.

Wall paper at prices never known before in order to reduce stock.

City Drug Store.

Goostree & Foster have just opened a new grocery house. Give them a call, next door to J. P. Dowel.

For groceries see Goostree and Foster.

Children go to the N'ckle Store for pens, pencils, tablets, slates, papers and all school supplies.

Don't forget A. T. Wilson & Co., when you want Christmas candies, nuts, etc.

Christmas Goods of all kinds at the Nickle Store.

Dolls of all sizes at the Nickel Store.

The best cigars at the Nickle Store.

For the cheapest toys bring your children to the Nickle Store.

New stock of Glassware at the Nickle Store.

Buy your Xmas liquors and brandies at City Drug Store.

Holiday Goods.

The finest stock and lowest prices at City Drug Store.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints

Vases and toilet sets at the Nickle Store.

Go to the Collin County restaurant, East Louisiana street, when you want a square meal.

Confectioneries of all kinds at the Collin County restaurant, opposite J. P. Dowell's hardware store.

When in the city don't fail to call on Goostree & Foster for fresh groceries at a bargain.

The hungry should go to the Collin County restaurant,

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

Hon. M. W. Johnson, of Paris, Texas, was in the city this week He was circulating a petition to congress remonstrating against moving the federal court from Paris to the Indian Territory. Up to the time of our going to press he had gotten 469 names including every member of the legal fraternity of McKinney.

TIMELY JUDGE.

Judge has a great and striking cartoon this week representing David B. Hill as being blessed by the shade of Tweed.

The ghost is represented as saying "Dave, old pard, you beat me hollow." It is a great cartoon because there is so much truth in it. The large central cartoon pictures the Democratic majority in congress as an unruly white elephant. The social page, of course, takes off gift-giving at Christmas time.

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Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

BRISTOL BROS.,
Druggist.

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ANY LADY can get a valuable present that cost me $3.00, and a rubber shield for 50 cents.
Mrs. V. M. APP. CO.
115 N. 8th STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

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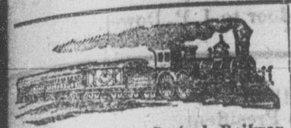
BUSINESS COLLEGES

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE



Houston and Texas Central Railway Time Table.

Going North,	No.	13	Arrives	5:35	a. m.
"	"	3	"	9:33	a. m.
"	"	2	"	8:38	p. m.
" South	"	2	"	6:02	a. m.
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"	"	14	"	9:11	p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. Rev. J. S. Weaver, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. ——— superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

METHODIST.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:15 p. m.. Rev. J. A. Stafford, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m. ——— superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN.

Preaching every Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder Pritchett, pastor. Sunday school every Sabbath 9:30 a. m. P. Harris, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:45 p. m.. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. T. C. Perry, superintendent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Merry Christmas.

Ye editor was in Dallas Tuesday on business.

Merry Christmas again.

R. C. Knott leaves this week for a visit to the old home state.

Merry, merry Christmas.

B. B. Bryant has been very sick but is able to be up now.

Merry Christmas to all.

Tomorrow is Xmas and the invitations come rolling in—slowly.

The heavy rains the first of the week assures a good wheat crop.

G. C. Thomas, the Democrat foreman, was on the sick list Tuesday.

Chas. Parker, foreman of the Sherman Daily Register, is in the city sick

R. A. Cannedy of Allen favored us by subscribing for the Democrat this week.

G. C. Thompson and family have moved to the W. W. Merritt farm just north of the city.

On Xmas and other occasions the turkey becomes a martyr to ravenous appetites.

Ring boards, jewelry stands, auction store, etc., seem to thrive better in McKinney then at any point in Texas.

Bloomdale celebrates her annual alliance day on Saturday next and a large attendance is anticipated.

Stratoism is progressing finely, and we hope ere February 1st to get it before the public completed

The rains we've been having were much needed, as water has been very scarce for several months.

J. A. Hoxsey, of Engleman neighborhood, has moved to Bowie, Montague county, and the Democrat follows him.

We have heard it stated that there are a few cases of glanders among the horses in McKinney.

J. L. Hill of Weatherford and a former business man of McKinney was visiting here this week.

A great many people are taking advantage of the holiday excursion rates to visit their old homes.

Arthur Lawrance, one of the Democrat compositors layed off Tuesday, on the account of sickness.

Elsworth Post G. A. R. meets the first Saturday in each month, A. F. Wilson Post commander.

H. E. Basham, the genial proprietor of the Foote House, returned Sunday from an extended visit to Southern Texas.

Obituary.

Whereas, It has pleased God in his wisdom to take from our midst our beloved brother, M. W. Strickland, who was a faithful member of this allliance (Spring Hill) No. 800

Resolved, That in the loss of Bro. Strickland, this order has lost a worthy member, and the community a good citizen. Also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Southern Mercury, Farmersville Times and the McKinney Democrat for publication, and one to the bereaved family.— Com.

A son of M. D. Pusser, a merchant of Gibraltar, N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more, as to be unable to work or go to school. His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

F. T. Cook, of Sherman, representing the New York Life Insurance Company, is with us again this week, closing up the years business for his company at this place.

For pain in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. For sale by Bristol Bros.

J C. Denton and family left last Saturday for Fisher County Texas to make their future home. The Democrat wishes them success in their new home.

A lady was so reduced in flesh last summer by the chills that she actually had to wear suspendors to hold her corset up. Some friend advised her to take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic—she did so. That pair of suspendors for sale. She now tips the beam at 140 lbs.

Shaving, 10c at Dan Biggs' Barber Shop (opposite J. P. Dowell's) Ike Crowder. Wm. Yeldel, Tonsorial artists

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic has gradually made its way into almost every Southern State; we we might say, every Southern family. It could not have done this had it not been a medicine of rare merit. When you have chills give it an honest trial and it will surely cure you. Price 50 and 75 cents. Guaranteed.

Messrs J. A. Spaugh and C L. Snyder from near Verona left last Monday morning for a visit to their old home in North Carolina. The Democrat wishes them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of itch. Price 50 cents.

John Higgins has returned from south east Texas where he has been on a two months hunt shooting deer, ducks, alligators, etc. He says that a great many bear is found down there.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50 or 75 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed.

J. A. Crutcher left last Tuesday for a visit to his old home near Marshall, Tennessee.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the some of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY,

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

[Seal] A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

Ike Rogers of Rowland made a flying trip to Dallas last Tuesday in company with ye editor.

If you wish a good square meal or lunch call on S. T. Hammond, opposite J. P. Dowell's hardware store.

Remarkable Facts.

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when properly treated a large proportion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch, of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill., says that Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, which cured the former, "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan, of Buchanan, Mich., who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "feel like a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Smith Bros., sole agents. Book of wonderful testimonials free.

H. W. Ardinger, a former merchant of this city but late of Dallas, Tex., has purchased the Wakefield stock of dry goods, on the west side of the square, and is now busily engaged in selling out the stock at a very low price. Mr. Ardinger is well known to the people of Collin county as a thorough business man and one who can be depended upon for fair dealing. For many years he sold goods in McKinney, during which time he became attached to Collin and her people; hence his return.

A National Event,

The holding of the World's Fair in a city scarcely fifty years old will be a remarkable event, but whether it willl really benefit this nation as much as the discovery of the Restorative Nervine by Dr. Franklin Miles is doubtful. This is just what the American people need to cure their excessive nervousness, dyspepsia, headache, dizziness, sleeplessness, neuralgia, nervous debility, dullness, confusion of mind, etc. It acts like a charm. Trial bottles and fine books on Nervous and Heart Diseases, with unequaled testimonials, free at Smith Bros. drug store. It is guaranteed to contain no opium, morphine or dangerous drugs.

On last Wednesday as the East Line was coming from McKinney, when in a few miles of Farmersville some miscreant, concealed on the side of the road, shot at the rear passenger coach, the ball going in at one window and out at another. This is a crime that is inexcusable and the guilty party if found out, should read the full penalty of the law.—Farmersville Times.

The laws of health are taught in the schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold, was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry, loud cough and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later, as the cold developed, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first sypmtoms appear. This remedy is famous for it's cure of coughs, colds and croup. It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and most reliable medicine known for the purpose. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

A Narrow Escape.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 18.—Last night Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of W. B. Harrison, attempted in her mother's absence to reach an article on the mantle. Her apron caught fire and the little one screamed. Hearing the cry, her mother ran to her and, with a devotion a mother only can feel, enveloped and smothered the flames with her dress. The child escaped with slight injuries.

Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a Cough; Cold, or any trouble with throat, chest or lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back, Sufferers from La Grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at E. N. McAuley & Bro. drug store. Large size 50c. and $1.

Mustache cups and saucers at the Nickle Store.

WEDDING BELLS

Merrily Peal Forth Upon the Evening Air.

STIFF—MASSEY.

Last Thursday evening just as the king of day was lowering behind the western horizon, a brace of Democrat reporters left the busy precincts of McKinney to attend the wedding of Mr. James Stiff and Miss Lou Massey at the residence of our esteemed friend, Uncle David Bomar, who lives about five miles east of McKinney on the Ladonia road.

The groom, in company with Robert Stiff, just preceded us, consequently the drive was made more pleasant by a merry conversation with them.

We were agreeably surprised, upon our arrival at the wedding scene, by meeting a large assemblage of our country friends which numbered near one-hundred. We were cordially received by Uncle Dave and his estimable lady, who were not long in convincing us that we were "at home"

Of those present we give the following partial list: Sam Massey and lady, Dick Massey and lady, Uncle Sam Massey, Bettie, Laura and Sallie Wallace, Ada and Polly Younger, Bessie Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bomar, John Mitchell, Chief Warden, Mr. and Mrs Bud Scott, Aunt Sallie Stiff, E. L. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bomar, A. B. Cockrell, R. G. Welsh, John and Isom Younger, Ed Bomar and a host of others, the names of whom we cannot call to mind at this writing.

Just at 7 o'clock p. m. the merry throng was hushed into silence by the appearance of the groom with the lovely bride leaning upon his arm. Rev. Douglass of Melissa arose and briefly but impressively performed the marriage ceremony. Eager relatives and friends gathered around to congratulate the happy pair and wish for them a future filled with joy.

From the marriage altar, ye reporters joined ranks and bravely marched to the front, with a determination to make a relentless attack upon the wedding feast, the quality and bounteousness of which our pen is unable to do justice in describing. Suffice it to say, that everybody (even unto the hungry newspaper man) received plenty to satisfy the most sharpened appetite. It was a joyful occasion in which wit and humor pervaded every nook and corner, causing the vase of joy to overflow.

The center of attraction was the young bride and groom, the former being an orphan girl whose beauty and grace, supplemented by intelligence and noble qualities of heart and soul, has won for her a large circle of admiring friends. The latter is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stiff, and who also enjoys a large circle of friends, the fruits of nobleness and worth, sweetened by industry.

It was with reluctance that we withdrew from the pleasant scene to wend our way back to McKinney by the light of fair Luna.

We hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our worthy entertainers while for the happy bride and groom we wish their future pathway to be strewn with garlands of never-fading flowers while the music of joy reverberates forever between the walls of two eternities!

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by E. N. McAuley & Bro. drug store.

For pure drugs and medicines and fine whiskies and brandies go to City Drug Store.

A Flying Trip to Melissa.

Last Sunday afternoon the writer, in company with T. M. Wilson, G. F. Albright and Arthur Lawrence, started on a pedestrian trip northward on the H. & T. C. railroad. Upon reaching the East Fork bridge about three and a half miles this side of Melissa, it was suggested by one of the crowd who seemed to be an enthusiast on the walking business, that we walk to Melissa in time to meet the train which was due there about 4:30 p. m. Upon examining our watches we found that we had just 32 minutes to reach Melissa a bout 3 1 2 miles away.

The race began. Two of the number (including ye editor) had overcoats on which proved quite a burden upon such an occasion, yet, on we flew, bell mell, over irregular ties, culverts etc. Of course we were all short of breath and at times were almost ready to stop and contemplate what "durn fools" we were, when the near approach of some unruly cur would pursuade us to quicken our pace or submit to the awful catastrophy of losing the rear end of our pantaloons.

Our pen is not competent to portray the ridiculous appearance of our entrance into the city of Melissa.

With flushed faces and with almost a hopeless movement we boarded a coach just as the iron steed was puffing and moving towards home—McKinney.

Our brief visit to Melissa was plesant—especially to its good citizens whom we had no time to bore.

SANTA CLAUS FOUND.

Each day crowds of children and parents are grouped around Wisemans corner show window.

The little ones seem satisfied and sure they have found their man, who is coming down the chimney laden with toys of all kinds—candy, little shoes etc.

In the room below, the little ones are in bed asleep; Florence is awake, while Maud is up and peeping into the fire place to see Santa come down. Dont fail to see this free display and say, as others have, that it is a head of any thing in Dallas.

To-morrow is Christmas and while many are gathering around the feast of plenty they should appreciate the fact that hundreds and thousands are suffering in want.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

School Teachers and Christmas Tree Committee.

A. T. Wilson & Co., have anticipated your wants and laid in a heavy supply of fine candies, put up in suitable packages for distribution, which will be sold very cheap.

Star Restaurant,
East Louisiana street.

New World.

New World, problem of the Contest between Capital and Labor Solved (political part), can be had at this office for 75 cents per copy by orders being sent in before it is out—postage paid. After the book is published it will be put on the market for $1.00. Arrangements is made to dispose of a number of these books to persons living abroad as soon as published. So, those not putting in orders may fail to get any from the first issue.

Accounts Due.

All parties indebted to me on note or accounts are notified that they are now due and my books closed for the year. I need the money and must have it. An early settlement will oblige, H. C. Herndon.

The Nickle Store is selling at cost—postage stamps.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds, Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

Toy trapize performance at the Nickle Store.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by county clerk Koen, since our last report:

Charley Maynard and Mary Shuping, Henry W. Smith and Laura Penn, J. S. Skipper and Eva Crowder, Jack Glass and Clara Patton, Sheppard W. King and Birdie M. Wilcox, J A. Smith and Mrs. I. O. Long. J. H. Stiff and Lou Massie, A. T. Simmons and Annie Wetsel, J. M. Lotta and A. J. Dunn, J K. Pace, and M. M. Goodin, C. P. Knott and Martha Carr, S. B. Talbot and Lou Watts, E D. Skelton and Helen Townsend, J. A. Hefner and D. E. Johnson, G. W. Tillerson and Mary E. Weston, W. P. Moore and Emma Harris, George Hou ewright and Mattie Bone, C. E Perkins and Belle Reeves, S. A. Finley and Minnie Whisenant, B. E Corkey and S. E. Baldridge, R O. Cox and Anna Jennings.

What Your Great Grandmother Did.

She hetcheled the flax and carded the wool, and wove the linen, and spun the tow, and made the clothes for her husband and ten children. She made butter and cheese, she dipped tallow candles, to light the house at night, and she cooked all the food for her household by an open fire-place and a brick oven. Xes; and when she was forty years of age, she was already an old lady whose best days were over. Her shoulders were bent and her joints enlarged by hard work, and she wore spectacles and a cap. Her great grand-daughter, with all the modern conveniences for comfort, refinement and luxury, may be as charming and attractive at forty five as at twenty. Especially is this true if she preserves her health and beauty by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which wards off all female ailments and irregularities, cures them if they already exist, keeps the life current healthful and vigorous, and enables the woman of middle age to retain the freshness of girlhood upon brow and cheek, the light of youth in her eyes, and its elasticity in her step. Sold by all druggists.

The Democratic Club.

Monday night, the 14th inst, the democratic club of precinct No. 1, Collin county, met in regular session at the court house. Present and presiding chairman Beverly and secretary Mangum at his post. On call of the roll a quorum was found to be present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Under the call for the enrollment of new names five responded and were enrolled.

There being no unfinished business to dispose of, a call for miscellanous business was made and Hon H. C. Mack offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that this club hereby expresses its sincere regret at the defeat of Hon. R. Q. Mills for speaker of the house of representatives, and endorse his candidacy for the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Reagan." The resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion the following subject was selected for discussion at the next regular meeting.

"Resolved, that a primary election is preferable to a convention in county politics."

After the transaction of routine business, the allowing of a few accounts and appointment of auditing committee, visiting democrats were called on for speeches. Capt. Bumpass and Mr. Geo. Hardin, of Farmersville, gave the club some sound democratic talk. The club then adjourned until next regular meeting.

It is very important that every democrat in this precinct be present at the next meeting as the question will be discussed as to how nominations for county offices shall be made, whether by primary elections or a party convention. Let every man in the precinct who desires the success of the democratic party in 1892, be present and take an interest in the discussion. The party will soon be called upon to settle the question. Let us go in to win, le harmony prevail in the organization, and victory next November will be the result.—Examiner.

Engleman Items.

Engleman Texas.
Dec. 16, 1891

I haven't seen anything from this place for some time will give a few dots.

Mr. J. W. Thompson and son are in the neighborhood visiting.

Miss Jennie Chany returned yesterday from a six week visit to her sisters.

Mrs. J. A. Hayes, of Marshal, Texas, and Miss Alice Langley, of Courtney, I. T., also arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Miss Jennie Chany.

The la grippe has full sway in this vicinity at present.

Yours Truly,
Pansy.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr Miles' Pills speedly cure biliousness bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequal for men, women, children. Smallest mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Sample Free, at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Mrs. Murphy, mother of Mrs. T. C. Pery, of this city, died at her home in Sherman last week

The Handsomest Lady In McKinney

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merit, any druggist will give you a Sample Bottle Free. Large size 50c and $1.

How long will it be until the snap shot man shoots himself?

The Population of McKinney

Is about 5,000, and we would say at least one half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large Bottles 50c and $1. Sold by all druggists

Appointed to the Cadetship.

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Goostree & Foster have just opened a new grocery house. Give them a call, next door to J. P. Dowel.

For groceries see Goostree and Foster.

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Buy your Xmas liquors and brandies at City Drug Store.

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Hon. M. W. Johnson, of Paris, Texas, was in the city this week He was circulating a petition to congress remonstrating against moving the federal court from Paris to the Indian Territory. Up to the time of our going to press he had gotten 469 names including every member of the legal fraternity of McKinney.

TIMELY JUDGE.

Judge has a great and striking cartoon this week representing David B. Hill as being blessed by the shade of Tweed.

The ghost is represented as saying "Dave, old pard, you beat me hollow." It is a great cartoon because there is so much truth in it. The large central cartoon pictures the Democratic majority in congress as an unruly white elephant. The social page, of course, takes off gift-giving at Christmas time.

The Democrat will not be issued next week owing to the Xmas holiday.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Comprehensive Synopsis of the Annual Document

TO BOTH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS.

Our Rapid Advancement More Wonderful Year by Year—Affairs at Home and Abroad—Bering Sea—Chile—China—New Orleans Riot—Department Reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The president starts out by inviting attention to

Our Foreign Relations.

The work of the state department during the past year has been characterized by an unusual number of important negotiations, and by diplomatic results of a notable character. Among these are the reciprocal trade agreements, which have been concluded in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the tariff law, with the republic of Brazil, with Spain for its West Indian possessions and with San Domingo.

BERING SEA CONTROVERSY.

In my last annual message I stated that the basis of arbitration proposed by her majesty's government for the adjustment of the long pending controversy as to seal fisheries was not acceptable. I am glad now to be able to announce that terms satisfactory to this government have been agreed upon, and that an agreement as to arbitrators is all that is necessary to the completion of the convention. In view of the advanced position which this government has taken upon the subject of international arbitration, this renewed expression of our adherence to this method for the settlement of disputes such as have arisen in the Bering sea will, I doubt not, meet with the concurrence of congress.

Provisions should be made for a joint demarcation of the frontier line between Canada and the United States wherever required by the increasing border settlements, and especially for the exact location of the water boundary in the straits and rivers.

AMERICAN PORK RESTRICTIONS.

It is gratifying to be able to state that Germany, Denmark, Italy, Austria, and France in the order named have opened their ports to inspected American pork products.

The outlines of an agreement have been reached with Germany, looking to equitable trade concessions in consideration of the continued free importation of her sugars.

THE NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING.

The lynching at New Orleans in March last of eleven men of the Italian nation by a mob of citizens was a most deplorable and discreditable incident. It did not, however, have its origin in any general animosity to Italian people nor in any respect to the government of Italy, with which our relations were of the most friendly character. The fury of the mob was against these men as the supposed participants or accessories of the murder of a city officer. Some suggestions growing out of this unhappy incident are worthy the attention of congress. It would I believe be entirely competent for congress to make offenses against the treaty rights of foreigners domiciled in the United States cognizable in the Federal courts. This has not, however, been done, and the Federal officers and courts have no power in such cases to intervene, either for the protection of a foreign citizen or for the punishment of his slayer.

RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

On the 16th day of October an event occurred in Valparaiso so serious and tragic in its circumstances and results as to very justly excite the indignation of our people and to call for prompt and decided action on the part of this government.

A considerable number of the sailors of the steamship Baltimore, then in the harbor of Valparaiso, being upon shore leave and unarmed, were assaulted by armed men nearly simultaneously in different localities in the city. One petty officer was killed outright and seven or eight seamen were seriously wounded, one of whom has since died. So savage and brutal was the assault that several of our sailors received more than two and one as many as eight stab wounds. An investigation of the affair was promptly made by a board of officers of the Baltimore and their reports show that these assaults were unprovoked and that our men were conducting themselves in a peaceable and orderly manner, and that some of the police of the city took part in the assault and used their weapons with fearful effect, while a few others, with some well disposed citizens, endeavored to protect our men. Thirty-six of our sailors were arrested and some of them, while being taken to prison, were cruelly beaten and maltreated. The fact that they were all discharged—no criminal charge being lodged against any one of them, shows very clearly that they were innocent of any breach of the peace. So far as I have yet been able to learn no other explanation of this bloody work has been suggested than that it had its origin in hostility to these men as sailors of the United States, wearing the uniform of their government, and not in any individual act or personal animosity. The attention of the Chilean government was at once called to this affair and a statement of the facts obtained by the investigation we had conducted was submitted, accompanied by a request to be advised of any other qualifying facts in the possession of the Chilean government that might tend to relieve this affair of the appearance of an insult to this government.

The Chilean government was also advised that if such qualifying facts did not exist this government would confidently expect full and prompt reparation. It is to be regretted that the reply of the secretary of foreign affairs of the provisional government was couched in an offensive tone. To this no response has been made. This government is now awaiting the result of an investigation which has been conducted by the criminal court at Valparaiso. It is reported unofficially that the investigation is about completed, and it is expected that the result will soon be communicated to the government, together with some adequate and satisfactory response to the note by which the attention of Chile was called to this incident. If these just expectations should be disappointed or further needless delay intervene I will by a special message bring this matter again to the attention of congress for such action as may be necessary. The entire correspondence with the government of Chile will at an early day be submitted to congress.

CHINESE POLICY.

The late outbreak against foreigners in various parts of the Chinese empire has been a cause of deep concern, in view of the numerous establishments of our citizens in the interior of that country. This government can do no less than insist upon a continuance of a protective and punctory measure which the Chinese government has heretofore applied. No effort will be omitted to protect our citizens peaceably sojourning in China, but recent unofficial information indicates that what was at first regarded as an outbreak of mob violence against foreigners has assumed the larger form of an insurrection against public order.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY.

Surveys for the connecting links of the projected intercontinental railway are in progress, not only in Mexico, but at various points along the course mapped out. Nearly 1000 miles of the proposed road have been surveyed, including the most difficult part, that between Ecuador and southern part of Colombia. The reports of the engineers are very satisfactory.

By treaty of Nov. 12, 1884, a treaty was concluded with Mexico reaffirming the boundary between the two countries as described in the treaties of Feb. 2, 1848, and Dec. 30, 1853. March 1, 1889, a further treaty was negotiated to reaffirm the obligations out of the principles of the treaty of 1884, and to avoid the difficulties occasioned by reason of the changes and alterations that take place for natural causes in the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers in the portions thereof constituting the boundary line between the two republics. The international boundary commission provided for by the treaty of 1889 to have exclusive jurisdiction of any question that may arise has been named by the Mexican government. An appropriation is necessary to enable the United States to fulfill its treaty obligations in this respect.

SUBMARINE CABLE TO HONOLULU.

Surveys for the much needed submarine cable from our Pacific coast to Honolulu are in progress. Provision should be made for improving the harbor of Pearl river and equipping it as a naval station.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Much costly and necessary work has been done during the year in the construction of shops, railroad tracks and harbor piers and breakwaters, and the work of canal construction has made some progress. I deem it to be a matter of highest concern to the United States that this canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and giving to us a short water communication between our ports upon these two great seas, should be speedily constructed and at the smallest practical cost. The gain in freights to the people and direct saving to the naval vessels would pay the entire cost of this work within a few years.

Department of the Treasury.

The report of the secretary of the treasury shows that the total receipts of the government from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, were $458,544,238.03, while the expenditures for the same period were $421,304,470.46, leaving a surplus of $37,239,762.57.

Department of War.

The efforts of the secretary to reduce the percentage of desertions by removing the causes that promoted it have been so successful as to enable him to report for the last year a lower percentage of desertion than has been before reached in the history of the army. The work of securing sites for shore batteries for harbor defense and the manufacture of mortars and guns of high power to equip them, have made good progress during the year. Some guns have been completed, and with an enlarged shop and a more complete equipment, at Watervliet, the army will soon be abreast of the navy in gun construction. The adoption of smokeless powder and of a modern rifle equal in range, precision and rapidity of fire to the best known used will, I hope, not be longer delayed.

The project of enlisting Indians and organizing them into separate companies upon the same basis as other soldiers was made the subject of careful study by the secretary and received my approval. Seven companies have been organized and seven more in process of organization. The results of six months of training have more than realized the highest anticipations. The men are readily brought under discipline, acquire the drill with facility and show great pride in the discharge of their duties.

Department of Justice.

I concur in the recommendation of the attorney general that the right in felony cases to a review by the supreme court be limited. It would seem that personal liberty would have a safe guarantee of the right of review if cases involved only fines and imprisonment were limited to the circuit court of appeals, unless a constitutional question should in some way be involved.

Appropriation for a site and for construction of a reform school for girls in the District of Columbia should be made. Many girls could be saved from depraved lives by the wholesome influences and restraints of such a school.

Department of the Navy.

The secretary of the navy shows a gratifying increase of new naval vessels. The Newark, Concord, Remington and Miantonas have been added during the year. Twenty-four warships of all classes are now under construction in the navy yards and private ships.

Department of the Interior.

The provisions of adequate school facilities for Indian children and the location of adult Indians upon farms involve the solution of the Indian question. Everything else, rations, annuities and tribal negotiations with agents, inspectors and Indians must pass away when the Indian becomes a citizen.

Pension Department.

The total number of pensioners upon the roll on the 30th day of June, 1891, was 966,160. There was allowed during the fiscal year ending at that time $260,665. Of this amount $102,387 was allowed under the law of June 27, 1890. The issuing of certificates has been proceeding at the rate of about 30,000 per month, about 75 per cent. being cash.

Department of Agriculture.

The report of the secretary of agriculture exhibits with interesting fullness the condition of the territories. They have shared with the states the great increase in farm products and are bringing yearly large areas into cultivation by extending their irrigating canals.

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

An albino catfish nine inches long and weighing over a pound has been on exhibition at Lancaster, Pa.

Four whales crossed the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river recently, swam up the stream a mile or so, then quietly turned around and returned to the Pacific.

The giraffe is now threatened with permanent extinction. Ten years ago herds of seventy and eighty could be found where today thirteen would be an exceptionally large herd.

A man at Fort Valley, Ga., has a calf with six legs and two heads, the heads separated from each other at the neck, giving the calf two distinct heads, with a set of eyes, teeth and ears each.

No animal has more than five toes, digits or claws to each foot or limb. The horse is one toed, the ox two toed, the rhinoceros is three toed, the hippopotamus is four toed and the elephant and hundreds of other animals are five toed.

A sportsman in Wilbur, Or., has trained two eagles to catch geese. He weights their bodies so that they cannot fly after they have captured the game. He follows them on horseback and takes the geese from their claws. Once they caught four geese at one time—one in each claw.

FIGS AND THISTLES

A great many giants become very small when you get close to them.

The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his gravestone.

There are people who wouldn't lie with the lip for anything, and yet they live a lie every day in the week.

The man who lives all the time with his head in the clouds generally has both feet squarely across somebody's neck.

There is a difference between sitting before the fire and thinking about doing good and going out into the cold and doing it.

You can tell more about a man's character by trading horses with him once than you can by hearing him talk for a year in prayer meeting.

The man who has the courage to fail in trying to do right rather than succeed in wrong is the real hero, no matter whether he wears a paper cap or a crown on his head.

When the marble chip falls, perhaps it wonders how the statue is going to get along without it. There are men who never help the world much until they get out of it.—Bam's Horn.

May Eddy's pacing record, 2:22¼, and trotting record, 2:25¼, brings another world's record to Jerome Eddy, as she is the first 4-year-old to obtain so fast a record at both ways of going.

Palo Alto, the new stallion king, not only wrested world's honors from Allerton, but equaled Maud S's record of 2:08¾.

GETTING READY.

Activity in the War and Navy Departments.

UNCLE SAMMIE MEANS BUSINESS

This Time Senator Sam Paul of the Chickasaw Nation Killed by His Son—Senator Plumb Died in Washington from Overwork—World's Fair Problem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Active preparations for war still continue in the navy yard. Steps have now been taken to secure the most available vessels in the merchant marine for possible service in Chilean waters. Arrangements have been made in New York and San Francisco to charter if necessary from thirty to fifty vessels to be used as transports and colliers. Preparations so far as the regular naval vessels are concerned have been made as complete as possible. The bureau of naval intelligence, acting under instructions, has prepared a list of merchant vessels available in case war is declared. An offer from a New York ship owner of a score or more of small vessels to carry coal has met with the thanks of the department and a request that he hold his vessels so as to have them ready on twenty-four hours' notice has been made.

Naval officers are also looking about New York for vessels to be used in the torpedo service. It has been reported by them that the most available craft for this service are the fast private yachts of the metropolis. It is urged that these yachts can be very quickly converted into torpedo boats and cruisers, and the belief is expressed that they will prove fully as effective as the torpedo craft of the Chilean navy. According to naval authorities our weakest point now is a lack of torpedoes. Orders have recently been issued. The firms have replied that they are bending every effort to finish the torpedoes as rapidly as the contracts call for them.

Activity is also displayed in the war department. Informal consultations have taken place between army and navy officials as to the co-operation of the two forces in the event of trouble. It has been represented that the army will be able to furnish on short notice 15,000 men for transportation either from San Francisco or Galveston. The naval officials say that fully that number of men will be required. In spite of the extreme measures taken by army and navy departments the belief that there will be war with Chile grows less and less here. The general belief is that Chile will yield to the demands of the United States eventually. The correspondence which has passed between the government of Chile and the United States in relation to the assault upon the sailors from the American man-of-war Baltimore has been completed. The dispatch adds that the public is apparently satisfied with the course pursued by Chile. Everything is quiet throughout the country.

World's Fair Problem.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The World's fair authorities will soon have a big problem to solve. One question which has troubled the directors is that of securing sufficient space inside the buildings. In satisfying the demand for that another cause for alarm has been created. The great question now is to secure sufficient outside buildings. Because of the elaborate allotment of ground for the purpose of outside decorations space accorded the pedestrians has been narrowed down so as to make it almost useless for the purpose intended. Between the buildings and lake and lagoon the authorities say there is not sufficient space. As a consequence Chief Burnham of the construction department and the buildings and grounds committee are now wrestling with the proposition. The only way out of it is to do away with considerable space accorded for special decorations. So crowded is the committee for space that President Baker is now negotiating with owners of property directly south and adjoining the grounds for a lease of forty acres.

Murdered by His Son.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 21.—A telegram from Paul's Valley, Saturday, brings intelligence of the murder of Senator Paul by his son, Joe Paul, at that place. The senator had just concluded supper and pushed his chair back, when his son entered the restaurant door and discharged one barrel of a double-barrel shotgun at him, blowing the top of his head off. As the murdered man rolled under the table the other barrel was discharged, the load entering the body. The murderer then mounted his horse and rode off. Senator Paul was one of the most prominent Indians of the country, and enjoyed a national reputation as a politician and public man. He had only a few days ago completed a canvass of the Chickasaw nation and was preparing to start for Washington in the interest of general jurisdiction for territorial courts and the opening of the Indian country to white settlement. He was a citizen of the United States, having taken the oath of allegiance a few months ago.

Death of Senator Plumb.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Plumb of Kansas died yesterday morning at his apartments on Fourteenth street from overwork. He leaves two sons, two daughters and a wife. Mrs. Plumb telegraphed instructions not to have the body embalmed, but the undertaker had already done so. Last summer the senator lay for three hours in a state of suspended animation, and apparently dead. Having that event in mind Mrs. Plumb did not wish the body embalmed until certain her husband was dead. His last words were, "Oh, my God! my head, my head, my head!" Interment at Emporia this week.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

A necklace of small pale blue and yellow sapphires is very beautiful.

A tiara of gold wire and pearls copies the structure that held Marie Stuart's coif.

A new scarfpin has a gold porter bearing a pearl for a bag of flour on his shoulder.

Ruby spirals and garnets set in squares and centered with gold are used as queen chains.

A white polka dotted enamel bow rimmed with gold is the most chic fastening imaginable for a watch.

A very pretty stickpin is a serpent with a jeweled eye, the ball of which is carried down and forms the pin.

Glove stretchers of stained ivory are confined at the points of intersection with ornamental bands of silver gilt.

The most popular necklace has alternate stones, ruby and diamond, or emerald and diamond, dropping from a narrow gold tape.

Rosewood boxes mounted with brass are equipped for the card table with counters, cards, chips, stowed away in luxurious receptacles.

Metallic ribbons of all the hues of the rainbow are gathered up into rosettes with diamond centers. Nothing could be prettier used among draperies.

HAPPENINGS IN TEXAS.

News Gathered Throughout the Lone Star State

AND CUT TO PROPER DIMENSIONS

To Suit the Surroundings—Facts Concerning the Important Happenings in Every City and Town in this Great Commonwealth.

JACKSBORO, Dec. 19.—Jimmie Hardin was killed by Jim and John Jackson at Advance, twelve miles southeast of here.

Killed by Falling from a Wagon.

BIG SANDY, Dec. 18.—Captain J. G. Cramer, an old settler, residing about four miles north of this place, was killed by falling from his wagon.

Died from an Overdose.

HUBBARD, Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. A. Jones, wife of the city marshal, while suffering with toothache, took an overdose of laudanum and died in forty-five minutes.

Smallpox at Cactus.

COTULLA, Dec. 18.—The health officers in charge of smallpox here have been informed of the existence of the disease on the Meny, Garza and Jeno Castro ranches, near the town of Cactus, on the International and Great Northern railroad, half way between San Antonio and Laredo. Quarantine will be enforced. Here there have been eight deaths from smallpox, nine cases discharged and ten are under treatment.

Chinese Library.

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Tank Kee, the Chinese lecturer who some time ago proposed to deed his library of 3800 volumes on Chinese history, the most complete collection on the subject extant, has dictated to the governor's stenographer the proposed terms of the deed, which will be drafted accordingly, making the donation to the state university, conditioned that the collection is to be kept undivided and the books labeled and preserved as the "Tank Kee" library.

Texas Exhibit Cars.

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—A telegram to the News from Major Slosson, manager of the Texas exhibit cars, dated at Salisbury, N. C., says: The Texas cars passed through seven states since leaving Dallas. About 60,000 people have seen our exhibit and received advertising matter. General Ticket Agent Turk reported yesterday 300 tickets sold at the towns we visited during the last ten days. Over the Richmond and Danville system seven were sold here today to Galveston and Wichita Falls, a carload left Saturday for Sherman and southern points. Southern railroad managers are urging the Texas cars to go over their lines. This looks like practicable work, as the emigrants are a wealthier class than ever left the Carolinas in previous years.

New River Steamboat.

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—The steamboat Dallas will arrive at the Commerce street wharf tomorrow between 10 and 11 a. m. with a cargo of cordwood, the first ever shipped up the river on a steamboat, which will be sold by the cord to the highest bidder. Hugh Blakeney, Sr., will be the auctioneer. Soon after 10 a. m. the boom of cannon will sound the intelligence that the Dallas is approaching the Commerce street landing. After speaking is over the auction will begin. Judge A. B. Norton, Colonel J. B. Simpson, Hon. Barnett Gibbs, Colonel W. L. Crawford and others are invited to make short speeches. The assemblage of citizens will take place about 100 yards below the Commerce street bridge.

Highly Dramatic.

SHREVEPORT, Dec. 19.—Joe Patterson, the negro who killed his wife and a negro man in Bossier parish, and afterward shot J. B. Lay and Dave Wallace, was run so close by a mob yesterday that he returned to his home, putting to flight the mourners who were sitting up with his wife's corpse. Realizing the situation Patterson blew out his brains. The mob gathered around the house shortly after, numbering over 100 men, white and black, removed the body of the murdered woman and set fire to the house. It was burned and Patterson's charred remains lie in the ruins. Mr. Walton died at 9 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Lay will recover.

At midnight Sunday, at Buckhound, ward 4, in Bossier parish, Writ W. Poland and wife were called to their door in answer to a halloo at their gate. No sooner was the door open than a volley of shot was poured into the house and they were both instantaneously killed. They were quiet, good people and much beloved in the neighborhood. Nothing is known of the guilty parties.

From the Crescent City.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—At an early hour yesterday morning while a drenching rain poured down and flooded the streets of New Orleans and during the progress of a disastrous fire in the three-story brick store of Miller & Dielman, whisky and candy dealers, Mat Hannan, a fireman, met instantaneous death by coming in contact with an electric wire which had been cut. The darkness, blinding rain, rapid spread of the fire and the death of their comrade completely demoralized the firemen, who stood gazing at the mass of tangled wire which cut off approach to the flames. It was some time before any one would venture near the deadly wires. It was a battle with three powerful elements: fire, water and electricity. The unfortunate man who met death at his post was heard to cry out, "Oh, my God," when he fell to the ground a corpse. His face was discolored and the usual sickening fumes filled the air about him. The building was an entire loss and the goods badly damaged. Loss on building $40,000, on goods $10,000, fully insured.

The supreme court, Justice Fenner presiding, affirmed the sentence of death passed on Phillip Baker by the criminal court for the murder in last March of Mrs. Neil Nelson, whose throat was cut from ear to ear and her body otherwise horribly mutilated.

SNAP SHOTS.

Every amateur society in the country now has its slide exhibitions, and they are always well attended.

Count Luigi Primolo, the son of Princess Bonaparte, is a distinguished amateur photographer. He was recently awarded the honor of a sitting by the pope.

The New York Manhattan Athletic club has organized a photographic section which promises to be of the utmost service in recording races and other events.

Baron Nathan de Rothschild's hobby, photography, is becoming a passion. He commences his pleasure each day at 6 a. m., and transfixes many a family scene and view.

A system of photographing in colors, following that of M. Lippman, proceeds on the theory that there are four primary colors—green, red, blue and violet. Four pictures are taken simultaneously by means of four lenses, in front of which is a screen of the color originally used. Pictures are produced which include the colors of the original.

A representative of the French government has made the owner of the trotting stallion Incas, 2:14¼, a large offer for that horse.

During this season Electioneer is accountable for thirty-two newcomers in the 2:30 list. This brings Electioneer's total to ninety-six.

FEMININE FANCIES.

Mrs. George De Forest gives the swellest dinner parties in New York.

Mrs. Bob Ingersoll is a tall brunette, with hair of ebony blackness, fine features and a pretty mouth.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland in her correspondence uses plain, rough finished linen paper and a seal of white wax.

Mrs. Poultney Bigelow, who is the latest New York society woman to break into literature, is said to possess $1,000,000 in her own right.

Baroness Rothschild, of Paris, has so extensive a circle of acquaintances that she is said to "know everybody worth knowing on three continents."

The daughter of Congressman Baker, of Kansas, does a man's work on a farm owned by herself. She plows and sows and attends to the various other duties of farm life.

Nellie Arthur, daughter of the ex-president, has a well rounded figure, sparkling brown eyes, dark, sleek hair rolled back from a low brow, a sweet smile and a pretty, girlish manner.

In the designing of elegant gowns and the collection of magnificent jewels Mrs. William Astor finds her chief diversion. Her jewel case is richer in diamonds—the diamond being her favorite gem—than that of any other woman in America.

Lady Macdonald, widow of the Canadian premier, has drunk no wine since the Christmas of 1867, when, in answer to a jocular challenge, she swore off. The cellars of the Macdonald mansion are, however, famous for their choice vintages, which now mature, but are not appreciated.

Mrs. Frank Leslie-Wilde's jewels have a repute in Europe. She has a pair of solitaire diamond earrings which weigh thirty carats each. They are of perfect color. She has two very valuable necklaces, one a riviere of single diamonds finely cut and graduating from one magnificent stone in the center. The other necklace consists of nineteen stones, all exactly alike, each as large as a dime and every one of them of the purest water.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Boston has over 4,000 miles of electric wires strung over its streets.

An electric smelting plant to cost $500,000 is among the possibilities in Pueblo, Colo. The idea is to use it for the reduction of dry and refractory ores.

A French scientist has perfected a device for obtaining oxygen from sea water by electric means and carrying it to any part of a vessel to use as a disinfectant.

In London the electric mains are placed beneath the sidewalks and to avoid accidents the manholes are provided with two covers, each connected to earth. The outer cover is thus rendered harmless.

The benefit of the electric light in the factories of Germany is said to have been so marked that it is proposed to make its use compulsory in all works where artificial light is employed during working hours.

An English inventor believes that he can run clocks by natural electricity from the earth. The earth's currents vary considerably, but by an automatic arrangement fixed on the pendulum he can keep time, he asserts, to within one minute in a year.

Geissler tubes can be converted into brilliant beams of light by being held near a coil or a large sheet of tin plate connected with a pole of an alternating machine and the prospects are that we will soon have a revolution in the artificial production of light.

Dobrowolsky, the inventor and designer of the electrical transmission plant at the International Electro-Technical exhibition at Frankfort, is willing to attempt to transmit either 1,000 or 5,000 horse power from Niagara to Chicago. The distance being about 500 miles between 40,000 and 50,000 volts would be required. Of 5,000 horse power operated at Niagara about 3,000 could be utilized at Chicago.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Where the sunshine does not enter the doctor must.

For simple hoarseness take a fresh egg, beat it and thicken with pulverized sugar. Eat freely of it.

To brighten carpets wipe them with warm water in which has been poured a few drops of ammonia.

To purify the air in a newly painted room, put several tubs of water in it, and it will absorb much of the odor.

A tablespoonful of powdered alum sprinkled in a barrel of water will precipitate all impure matter to the bottom.

Fine shavings from soft pine wood make a pleasant pillow. They have special curative virtues for coughs and lung troubles.

Pine may be made to look like some beautiful wood by giving repeated coats of hot linseed oil and rubbing hard after each coat.

To clear a stove of clinkers, put a handful of salt into it during a hot fire. When cold, remove the clinkers with a cold chisel.

The skin of a boiled egg when carefully peeled and applied when wet to a boil will draw out the matter and greatly relieve the soreness.

Remove ink stains from silver plated ware by rubbing them with a paste composed of chloride of lime and water; then wash and wipe dry.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

Chinese maidens, to enhance the beauty of the face, pluck out their eyebrows.

In some countries the leaves of trees are still used for books. In Ceylon the leaves of the talipot tree are used for that purpose.

Not a drop of rain fell in the United States Sunday, Oct. 25, 1891. This is the first time this has occurred in eighteen years.

The Lost river rises in Yellowstone park in two streams, which unite, and then runs two miles, when it literally disappears into the earth.

People in Japan are called by the family name first, the individual or what we call Christian name next, and then the honorific—thus, "Smith Peter Mr."

One of Vermont's curiosities is a floating island in Sodoga pond, near Jacksonville. The pond is a mile in length and the island, which covers one-third of it, is two feet thick. It bears a fine crop of cranberries.

Rev. Mr. Boyd, of London, Canada, once christened a Nova Scotia youngster "Acts of the Apostles." The child was a fifth son, and his four brothers had been respectively named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

A funny little pot shaped match boxes are one-half silver and one-half glass. Through the glass a small landscape appears. Half across the top is the scratcher.

Small gold wishbones used for stickpins are in great force as presents to bridesmaids. Occasionally a diamond is found hanging between the bones and sometimes they are combined with horseshoes.

Necklaces having a single large rare jewel sumptuously mounted are among the newest things. One is composed of a long pink pearl, a pear shaped sapphire and a long uncut ruby. These are mounted like a flower with the calyx of diamonds.—Jewelers' Circular.

C. H. Nelson, the famous owner of the stallion Nelson, has begun the construction of a new track between Waterville and Fairfield, Me.

The California pacing filly Wood Nymph, although only 16 months old, has paced a quarter at a 3:23 gait and an eighth of a mile at a 2:16 gait.

Senator Stanford has accepted C. W. Williams' offer to breed ten mares by Allerton to Arion at $2,500 each, and offers to pay $10,000 for one of the colts.

Isaac S. Dement, a Chicago stenographer, recently took down 260 words a minute, and reports in shorthand. Mr. Dement is thirteen years old. He uses a system of shorthand of his own, made up of pictures of familiar household articles in their natural form.

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The empress of China, according to the custom of the empire, is never permitted to leave the palace grounds.

Queen Victoria's tea is always purchased at a quaint, old fashioned shop in Pall Mall, and has been during her five predecessors' reigns. It costs $1.35 a pound, and is known as Earl Grey's mixture.

The khedive of Egypt neither smokes nor drinks, and though allowed many wives has only one. He is very learned in Arabic lore, and knows the Koran so thoroughly that he can recite it from memory.

Some criticism has been made of the Prince of Wales for shooting in kid gloves, and calling him a butterfly sportsman. The English press are indignant at this accusation, and say he is by far the best shot in the royal family and can hold his own in any country.

The difficulty of finding a suitable bride for the crown prince of Russia seems to grow greater as time goes by. The young man is not particularly attractive. The imperial family of Russia fear that he will eventually succumb to consumption, which has already afflicted his younger brothers.

The nizam of Hyderabad, who rules over what is probably the last stronghold of feudalism in the world, is the most extravagant of earthly potentates. He is said to spend $10,000,000 a year, and has a collection of jewels worth three times that amount, including the biggest diamond in the world.

The most curious character on the island of Borneo is the white sultan or rajah of Sarawak. He is an Englishman, Sir Charles Brooke, and the United States is the only nation that recognizes his sovereignty. He rules over a part of Borneo as large as Ireland, and his subjects pay tribute to him in rice.

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Mercury enters into the composition of many blood medicines, while with others iodide of potash is the principal ingredient. Both these substances are poisons, and while in some instances they lessen the severity of the ravages of blood poison, their use in the end are more hurtful than otherwise. Bear in mind Dr. John Bull's Sarsaparilla is strictly a vegetable compound, yet its effect on blood

DON'T USE

filled with poisonous germ matter is like water on the forked tongues of a flaming fire. It subdues the evil instantly, even when other medicines have failed. Again, Bull's Sarsaparilla is frequently used after the system has become poisoned by the use of mercury and potash. It quickly eliminates these mineral poisons from the system, thus preventing and curing mercurial rheumatism, potash sores, etc. In all syphilitic and scrofulous affections, Bull's Sarsaparilla is a true panacea. The sequelæ of blood poison, such as salt rheum, eczema, king's evil, scald head, boils, carbuncles, itch, sores, rheumatism, neuralgia, etc., all permanently disappear if the use of Bull's Sarsaparilla is continued a sufficient length of time.

MERCURY

W. A. Smith, Paducah, Ky., writes: "I was down sick with malarial fever for over a month. The doctor gave me too much calomel and mercury, and when I began to get better rheumatism set in, and my left leg was made crooked. I thought I would be a cripple for life, but an acquaintance got me to use Bull's Sarsaparilla, which gave me strength and cured my rheumatism, and now my leg is nearly straight again and I walk on it very readily."

AND POTASH.

R. H. Walton, Cairo, Ill., writes: "I experienced the horrors of blood poison for four long years. I had three running sores on my body as large as my hand that would never heal, and over a dozen smaller ones. My hair and eye-brows and whiskers all came out and I looked like a perfect scarecrow. I became discouraged trying medicine, but as a last hope tried Bull's Sarsaparilla. The use of a few bottles made me well, but there are scars on my body that look like they had been burns."

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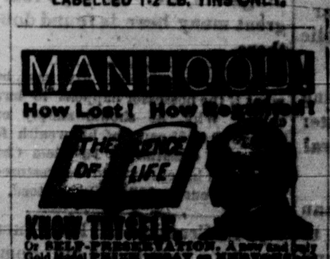

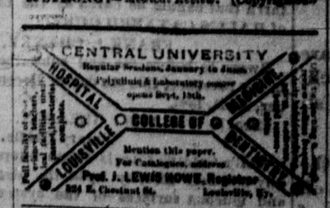

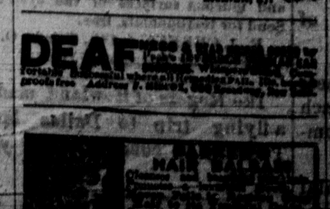

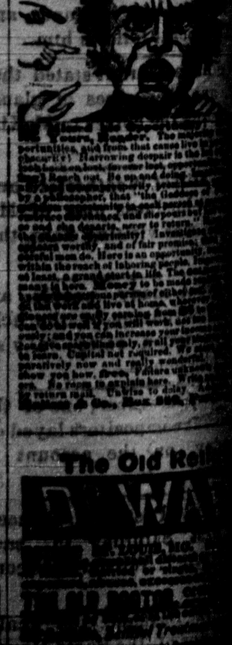

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Comprehensive Synopsis of the Annual Document

TO BOTH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS.

Our Rapid Advancement More Wonderful Year by Year—Affairs at Home and Abroad—Bering Sea—Chile—China—New Orleans Riot—Department Reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The president starts out by inviting attention to

Our Foreign Relations.

The work of the state department during the past year has been characterized by an unusual number of important negotiations, and by diplomatic results of a notable character. Among these are the reciprocal trade agreements, which have been concluded in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the tariff law, with the republic of Brazil, with Spain for its West Indian possessions and with San Domingo.

BERING SEA CONTROVERSY.

In my last annual message I stated that the basis of arbitration proposed by her majesty's government for the adjustment of the long pending controversy as to seal fisheries was not acceptable. I am glad now to be able to announce that terms satisfactory to this government have been agreed upon, and that an agreement as to arbitrators is all that is necessary to the completion of the convention. In view of the advanced position which this government has taken upon the subject of international arbitration, this renewed expression of our adherence to this method for the settlement of disputes such as have arisen in the Bering sea will, I doubt not, meet with the concurrence of congress.

Provisions should be made for a joint demarcation of the frontier line between Canada and the United States wherever required by the increasing border settlements, and especially for the exact location of the water boundary in the straits and rivers.

AMERICAN PORK RESTRICTIONS.

It is gratifying to be able to state that Germany, Denmark, Italy, Austria, and France in the order named have opened their ports to inspected American pork products.

The outlines of an agreement have been reached with Germany, looking to equitable trade concessions in consideration of the continued free importation of her sugars.

THE NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING.

The lynching at New Orleans in March last of eleven men of the Italian nation by a mob of citizens was a most deplorable and discreditable incident. It did not, however, have its origin in any general animosity to Italian people nor in any respect to the government of Italy, with which our relations were of the most friendly character. The fury of the mob was against these men as the supposed participants or accessories of the murder of a city officer. Some suggestions growing out of this unhappy incident are worthy the attention of congress. It would I believe be entirely competent for congress to make offenses against the treaty rights of foreigners domiciled in the United States cognizable in the Federal courts. This has not, however, been done, and the Federal officers and courts have no power in such cases to intervene, either for the protection of a foreign citizen or for the punishment of his slayer.

RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

On the 16th day of October an event occurred in Valparaiso so serious and tragic in its circumstances and results as to very justly excite the indignation of our people and to call for prompt and decided action on the part of this government.

A considerable number of the sailors of the steamship Baltimore, then in the harbor of Valparaiso, being upon shore leave and unarmed, were assaulted by armed men nearly simultaneously in different localities in the city. One petty officer was killed outright and seven or eight seamen were seriously wounded, one of whom has since died. So savage and brutal was the assault that several of our sailors received more than two and one as many as eight stab wounds. An investigation of the affair was promptly made by a board of officers of the Baltimore and their reports show that these assaults were unprovoked and that our men were conducting themselves in a peaceable and orderly manner, and that some of the police of the city took part in the assault and used their weapons with fearful effect, while a few others, with some well disposed citizens, endeavored to protect our men. Thirty-six of our sailors were arrested and some of them, while being taken to prison, were cruelly beaten and maltreated. The fact that they were all discharged—no criminal charge being lodged against any one of them, shows very clearly that they were innocent of any breach of the peace. So far as I have yet been able to learn no other explanation of this bloody work has been suggested than that it had its origin in hostility to these men as sailors of the United States, wearing the uniform of their government, and not in any individual act or personal animosity. The attention of the Chilean government was at once called to this affair and a statement of the facts obtained by the investigation we had conducted was submitted, accompanied by a request to be advised of any other qualifying facts in the possession of the Chilean government that might tend to relieve this affair of the appearance of an insult to this government.

The Chilean government was also advised that if such qualifying facts did not exist this government would confidently expect full and prompt reparation. It is to be regretted that the reply of the secretary of foreign affairs of the provisional government was couched in an offensive tone. To this no response has been made. This government is now awaiting the result of an investigation which has been conducted by the criminal court at Valparaiso. It is reported unofficially that the investigation is about completed, and it is expected that the result will soon be communicated to the government, together with some adequate and satisfactory response to the note by which the attention of Chile was called to this incident. If these just expectations should be disappointed or further needless delay intervene I will by a special message bring this matter again to the attention of congress for such action as may be necessary. The entire correspondence with the government of Chile will at an early day be submitted to congress.

CHINESE POLICY.

The late outbreak against foreigners in various parts of the Chinese empire has been a cause of deep concern, in view of the numerous establishments of our citizens in the interior of that country. This government can do no less than insist upon a continuance of a protective and punctory measure which the Chinese government has heretofore applied. No effort will be omitted to protect our citizens peaceably sojourning in China, but recent unofficial information indicates that what was at first regarded as an outbreak of mob violence against foreigners has assumed the larger form of an insurrection against public order.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY.

Surveys for the connecting links of the projected intercontinental railway are in progress, not only in Mexico, but at various points along the course mapped out. Nearly 1000 miles of the proposed road have been surveyed, including the most difficult part, that through Ecuador and southern part of Colombia. The reports of the engineers are very satisfactory.

Nov. 12, 1884, a treaty was concluded with Mexico reaffirming the boundary [illegible] as described in the treaty of 1882, and to facilitate the carrying out of the principles of the treaty of 1884, and to avoid the difficulties occasioned by reason of the changes and alterations that take place for natural causes in the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers in the portions thereof constituting the boundary line between the two republics. The international boundary commission provided for by the treaty of 1889 to have exclusive jurisdiction of any question that may arise has been named by the Mexican government. An appropriation is necessary to enable the United States to fulfill its treaty obligations in this respect.

SUBMARINE CABLE TO HONOLULU.

Surveys for the much needed submarine cable from our Pacific coast to Honolulu are in progress. Provision should be made for improving the harbor of Pearl river and equipping it as a naval station.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Much costly and necessary work has been done during the year in the construction of shops, railroad tracks and harbor piers and breakwaters, and the work of canal construction has made some progress. I deem it to be a matter of highest concern to the United States that this canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and giving to us a short water communication between our ports upon these two great seas, should be speedily constructed and at the smallest practical cost. The gain in freights to the people and direct saving to the naval vessels would pay the entire cost of this work within a few years.

Department of the Treasury.

The report of the secretary of the treasury shows that the total receipts of the government from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, were $458,544,233.03, while the expenditures for the same period were $421,304,470.46, leaving a surplus of $37,239,762.57.

Department of War.

The efforts of the secretary to reduce the percentage of desertions by removing the causes that promoted it have been so successful as to enable him to report for the last year a lower percentage of desertion than has been before reached in the history of the army. The work of securing sites for shore batteries for harbor defense and the manufacture of mortars and guns of high power to equip them, have made good progress during the year. Some guns have been completed, and with an enlarged shop and a more complete equipment, at Watervliet, the army will soon be abreast of the navy in gun construction. The adoption of smokeless powder and of a modern rifle equal in range, precision and rapidity of fire to the best known used will, I hope, not be longer delayed.

The project of enlisting Indians and organizing them into separate companies upon the same basis as other soldiers was made the subject of careful study by the secretary and received my approval. Seven companies have been organized and seven more in process of organization. The results of six months of training have more than realized the highest anticipations. The men are readily brought under discipline, acquire the drill with facility and show great pride in the discharge of their duties.

Department of Justice.

I concur in the recommendation of the attorney general that the right in felony cases to a review by the supreme court be limited. It would seem that personal liberty would have a safe guarantee of the right of review if cases involved only fines and imprisonment were limited to the circuit court of appeals, unless a constitutional question should in some way be involved.

Appropriation for a site and for construction of a reform school for girls in the District of Columbia should be made. Many girls could be saved from depraved lives by the wholesome influences and restraints of such a school.

Department of the Navy.

The secretary of the navy shows a gratifying increase of new naval vessels. The Newark, Concord, Remington and Miantonas have been added during the year. Twenty-four warships of all classes are now under construction in the navy yards and private shops.

Department of the Interior.

The provisions of adequate school facilities for Indian children and the location of adult Indians upon farms involve the solution of the Indian question. Everything else, rations, annuities and tribal negotiations with agents, inspectors and Indians must pass away when the Indian becomes a citizen.

Pension Department.

The total number of pensioners upon the roll on the 30th day of June, 1891, was 966,160. There was allowed during the fiscal year ending at that time $260,665. Of this amount $102,387 was allowed under the law of June 27, 1890. The issuing of certificates has been proceeding at the rate of about 30,000 per month, about 75 per cent. being cash.

Department of Agriculture.

The report of the secretary of agriculture exhibits with interesting fullness the condition of the territories. They have shared with the states the great increase in farm products and are bringing yearly large areas into cultivation by extending their irrigating canals.

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

An albino catfish, nine inches long and weighing over a pound has been on exhibition at Lancaster, Pa.

Four whales crossed the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river recently, swam up the stream a mile or so, then quietly turned around and returned to the Pacific.

The giraffe is now threatened with permanent extinction. Ten years ago herds of seventy and eighty could be found where today thirteen would be an exceptionally large herd.

A man at Fort Valley, Ga., has a calf with six legs and two heads, the heads separated from each other at the neck, giving the calf two distinct heads, with a set of eyes, teeth and ears each.

No animal has more than five toes, digits or claws to each foot or limb. The horse is one toed, the ox two toed, the rhinoceros is three toed, the hippopotamus is four toed and the elephant and hundreds of other animals are five toed.

A sportsman in Wilbur, Or., has trained two eagles to catch geese. He weights their bodies so that they cannot fly after they have captured the game. He follows them on horseback and takes the geese from their claws. Once they caught four geese at one time—one in each claw.

FIGS AND THISTLES

A great many giants become very small when you get close to them.

The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his gravestone.

There are people who wouldn't lie with the lip for anything, and yet they live a lie every day in the week.

The man who lives all the time with his head in the clouds generally has both feet squarely across somebody's neck.

There is a difference between sitting before the fire and thinking about doing good and going out into the cold and doing it.

You can tell more about a man's character by trading horses with him once than you can by hearing him talk for a year in prayer meeting.

The man who has the courage to fail in trying to do right rather than succeed in wrong is the real hero, no matter whether he wears a paper cap or a crown on his head.

When the marble chip falls, perhaps it wonders how the statue is going to get along without it. There are men who never help the world much until they get out of it.—Ram's Horn.

May Eddy's pacing record, 2:22½, and trotting record, 2:25¾, brings another world's record to Jerome Eddy, as she is the first 4-year-old to obtain so fast a record at both ways of going.

Palo Alto, the new stallion king, not

GETTING READY.

Activity in the War and Navy Departments.

UNCLE SAMMIE MEANS BUSINESS

This Time—Senator Sam Paul of the Chickasaw Nation Killed by His Son—Senator Plumb Died in Washington from Overwork—World's Fair Problem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Active preparations for war still continue in the navy yard. Steps have now been taken to secure the most available vessels in the merchant marine for possible service in Chilean waters. Arrangements have been made in New York and San Francisco to charter if necessary from thirty to fifty vessels to be used as transports and colliers. Preparations so far as the regular naval vessels are concerned have been made as complete as possible. The bureau of naval intelligence, acting under instructions, has prepared a list of merchant vessels available in case war is declared. An offer from a New York ship owner of a score or more of small vessels to carry coal has met with the thanks of the department and a request that he hold his vessels so as to have them ready on twenty-four hours' notice has been made.

Naval officers are also looking about New York for vessels to be used in the torpedo service. It has been reported by them that the most available craft for this service are the fast private yachts of the metropolis. It is urged that these yachts can be very quickly converted into torpedo boats and cruisers, and the belief is expressed that they will prove fully as effective as the torpedo craft of the Chilean navy. According to naval authorities our weakest point now is a lack of torpedoes. Orders have recently been issued. The firms have replied that they are bending every effort to finish the torpedoes as rapidly as the contracts call for them.

Activity is also displayed in the war department. Informal consultations have taken place between army and navy officials as to the co-operation of the two forces in the event of trouble. It has been represented that the army will be able to furnish on short notice 15,000 men for transportation either from San Francisco or Galveston. The naval officials say that fully that number of men will be required. In spite of the extreme measures taken by army and navy departments the belief that there will be war with Chile grows less and less here. The general belief is that Chile will yield to the demands of the United States eventually. The correspondence which has passed between the government of Chile and the United States in relation to the assault upon the sailors from the American man-of-war Baltimore has been completed. The dispatch adds that the public is apparently satisfied with the course pursued by Chile. Everything is quiet throughout the country.

World's Fair Problem.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The World's fair authorities will soon have a big problem to solve. One question which has troubled the directors is that of securing sufficient space inside the buildings. In satisfying the demand for that another cause for alarm has been created. The great question now is to secure sufficient outside buildings. Because of the elaborate allotment of ground for the purpose of outside decorations space accorded the pedestrians has been narrowed down so as to make it almost useless for the purpose intended. Between the buildings and lake and lagoon the authorities say there is not sufficient space. As a consequence Chief Burnham of the construction department and the buildings and grounds committee are now wrestling with the proposition. The only way out of it is to do away with considerable space accorded for special decorations. So crowded is the committee for space that President Baker is now negotiating with owners of property directly south and adjoining the grounds for a lease of forty acres.

Murdered by His Son.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 21.—A telegram from Paul's Valley, Saturday, brings intelligence of the murder of Senator Paul by his son, Joe Paul, at that place. The senator had just concluded supper and pushed his chair back, when his son entered the restaurant door and discharged one barrel of a double-barrel shotgun at him, blowing the top of his head off. As the murdered man rolled under the table the other barrel was discharged, the load entering the body. The murderer then mounted his horse and rode off. Senator Paul was one of the most prominent Indians of the country, and enjoyed a national reputation as a politician and public man. He had only a few days ago completed a canvass of the Chickasaw nation and was preparing to start for Washington in the interest of general jurisdiction for territorial courts and the opening of the Indian country to white settlement. He was a citizen of the United States, having taken the oath of allegiance a few months ago.

Death of Senator Plumb.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Plumb of Kansas died yesterday morning at his apartments on Fourteenth street from overwork. He leaves two sons, two daughters and a wife. Mrs. Plumb telegraphed instructions not to have the body embalmed, but the undertaker had already done so. Last summer the senator lay for three hours in a state of suspended animation, and apparently dead. Having that event in mind Mrs. Plumb did not wish the body embalmed until certain her husband was dead. His last words were, "Oh, my God! my head, my head, my head!" Interment at Emporia this week.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

A necklace of small pale blue and yellow sapphires is very beautiful.

A tiara of gold wire and pearls copies the structure that held Marie Stuart's coif.

A new scarfpin has a gold porter bearing a pearl for a bag of flour on his shoulder.

Ruby spirals and garnets set in squares and centered with gold are used as queen chains.

A white polka dotted enamel bow rimmed with gold is the most chic fastening imaginable for a watch.

A very pretty stickpin is a serpent with a jeweled eye, the ball of which is carried down and forms the pin.

Glove stretchers of stained ivory are confined at the points of intersection with ornamental bands of silver gilt.

The most popular necklace has alternate stones, ruby and diamond, or emerald and diamond, dropping from a narrow gold tape.

Rosewood boxes mounted with brass are equipped for the card table with counters, cards, chips, stowed away in luxurious receptacles.

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JACKSBORO, Dec. 19.—Jimmie Hardin was killed by Jim and John Jackson at Advance, twelve miles southeast of here.

Killed by Falling from a Wagon.

BIG SANDY, Dec. 18.—Captain J. G. Cramer, an old settler, residing about four miles north of this place, was killed by falling from his wagon.

Died from an Overdose.

HUBBARD, Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. A. Jones, wife of the city marshal, while suffering with toothache, took an overdose of laudanum and died in forty-five minutes.

Smallpox at Cactus.

COTULLA, Dec. 18.—The health officers in charge of smallpox here have been informed of the existence of the disease on the Meny, Garza and Jeno Castro ranches, near the town of Cactus, on the International and Great Northern railroad, half way between San Antonio and Laredo. Quarantine will be enforced. Here there have been eight deaths from smallpox, nine cases discharged and ten are under treatment.

Chinese Library.

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Tank Kee, the Chinese lecturer who some time ago proposed to deed his library of 3800 volumes on Chinese history, the most complete collection on the subject extant, has dictated to the governor's stenographer the proposed terms of the deed, which will be drafted accordingly, making the donation to the state university, conditioned that the collection is to be kept undivided and the books labeled and preserved as the "Tank Kee" library.

Texas Exhibit Cars.

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—A telegram to the News from Major Slosson, manager of the Texas exhibit cars, dated at Salisbury, N. C., says: The Texas cars passed through seven states since leaving Dallas. About 60,000 people have seen our exhibit and received advertising matter. General Ticket Agent Turk reported yesterday 300 tickets sold at the towns we visited during the last ten days. Over the Richmond and Danville system seven were sold here today to Galveston and Wichita Falls, a carload left Saturday for Sherman and southern points. Southern railroad managers are urging the Texas cars to go over their lines. This looks like practicable work, as the emigrants are a wealthier class than ever left the Carolinas in previous years.

New River Steamboat.

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—The steamboat Dallas will arrive at the Commerce street wharf tomorrow between 10 and 11 a. m. with a cargo of cordwood, the first ever shipped up the river on a steamboat, which will be sold by the cord to the highest bidder. Hugh Blakeney, Sr., will be the auctioneer. Soon after 10 a. m. the boom of cannon will sound the intelligence that the Dallas is approaching the Commerce street landing. After speaking is over the auction will begin. Judge A. B. Norton, Colonel J. B. Simpson, Hon. Barnett Gibbs, Colonel W. L. Crawford and others are invited to make short speeches. The assemblage of citizens will take place about 100 yards below the Commerce street bridge.

Highly Dramatic.

SHREVEPORT, Dec. 19.—Joe Patterson, the negro who killed his wife and a negro man in Bossier parish, and afterward shot J. B. Lay and Dave Wallace, was run so close by a mob yesterday that he returned to his home, putting to flight the mourners who were sitting up with his wife's corpse. Realizing the situation Patterson blew out his brains. The mob gathered around the house shortly after, numbering over 100 men, white and black, removed the body of the murdered woman and set fire to the house. It was burned and Patterson's charred remains lie in the ruins. Mr. Walton died at 9 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Lay will recover.

At midnight Sunday, at Buckhound, ward 4, in Bossier parish, Writ W. Poland and wife were called to their door in answer to a hallo at their gate. No sooner was the door open than a volley of shot was poured into the house and they were both instantaneously killed. They were quiet, good people and much beloved in the neighborhood. Nothing is known of the guilty parties.

From the Crescent City.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—At an early hour yesterday morning while a drenching rain poured down and flooded the streets of New Orleans and during the progress of a disastrous fire in the three-story brick store of Miller & Dielman, whisky and candy dealers, Mat Hannan, a fireman, met instantaneous death by coming in contact with an electric wire which had been cut. The darkness, blinding rain, rapid spread of the fire and the death of their comrade completely demoralized the firemen, who stood gazing at the mass of tangled wire which cut off approach to the flames. It was some time before any one would venture near the deadly wires. It was a battle with three powerful elements: fire, water and electricity. The unfortunate man who met death at his post was heard to cry out, "Oh, my God," when he fell to the ground a corpse. His face was discolored and the usual sickening fumes filled the air about him. The building was an entire loss and the goods badly damaged. Loss on building $40,000, on goods $10,000, fully insured.

The supreme court, Justice Fenner presiding, affirmed the sentence of death passed on Phillip Baker by the criminal court for the murder in last March of Mrs. Neil Nelson, whose throat was cut from ear to ear and her body otherwise horribly mutilated.

SNAP SHOTS.

Every amateur society in the country now has its slide exhibitions, and they are always well attended.

Count Luigi Primolo, the son of Princess Bonaparte, is a distinguished amateur photographer. He was recently awarded the honor of a sitting by the pope.

The New York Manhattan Athletic club has organized a photographic section which promises to be of the utmost service in recording races and other events.

Baron Nathan de Rothschild's hobby, photography, is becoming a passion. He commences his pleasure each day at 6 a. m., and transfixes many a family scene and view.

A system of photographing in colors, following that of M. Lippman, proceeds on the theory that there are four primary colors—green, red, blue and violet. Four pictures are taken simultaneously by means of four lenses, in front of which is a screen of the color originally used. Pictures are produced which include the colors of the original.

A representative of the French government has made the owner of the trotting stallion Incas, 2:14¼, a large offer for that horse.

During this season Electioneer is accountable for thirty-two newcomers in the 2:30 list. This brings Electioneer's total to

FEMININE FANCIES.

Mrs. George De Forest gives the swellest dinner parties in New York.

Mrs. Bob Ingersoll is a tall brunette, with hair of ebony blackness, fine features and a pretty mouth.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland in her correspondence uses plain, rough finished linen paper and a seal of white wax.

Mrs. Poultney Bigelow, who is the latest New York society woman to break into literature, is said to possess $1,000,000 in her own right.

Baroness Rothschild, of Paris, has so extensive a circle of acquaintances that she is said to "know everybody worth knowing on three continents."

The daughter of Congressman Baker, of Kansas, does a man's work on a farm owned by herself. She plows and sows and attends to the various other duties of farm life.

Nellie Arthur, daughter of the ex-president, has a well rounded figure, sparkling brown eyes, dark, sleek hair rolled back from a low brow, a sweet smile and a pretty, girlish manner.

In the designing of elegant gowns and the collection of magnificent jewels Mrs. William Astor finds her chief diversion. Her jewel case is richer in diamonds—the diamond being her favorite gem—than that of any other woman in America.

Lady Macdonald, widow of the Canadian premier, has drunk no wine since the Christmas of 1867, when, in answer to a jocular challenge, she swore off. The cellars of the Macdonald mansion are, however, famous for their choice vintages, which now mature, but are not appreciated.

Mrs. Frank Leslie-Wilde's jewels have a repute in Europe. She has a pair of solitaire diamond earrings which weigh thirty carats each. They are of perfect color. She has two very valuable necklaces, one a riviere of single diamonds finely cut and graduating from one magnificent stone in the center. The other necklace consists of nineteen stones, all exactly alike, each as large as a dime and every one of them of the purest water.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Boston has over 4,000 miles of electric wires strung over its streets.

An electric smelting plant to cost $500,000 is among the possibilities in Pueblo, Colo. The idea is to use it for the reduction of dry and refractory ores.

A French scientist has perfected a device for obtaining oxygen from sea water by electric means and carrying it to any part of a vessel to use as a disinfectant.

In London the electric mains are placed beneath the sidewalks and to avoid accidents the manholes are provided with two covers, each connected to earth. The outer cover is thus rendered harmless.

The benefit of the electric light in the factories of Germany is said to have been so marked that it is proposed to make its use compulsory in all works where artificial light is employed during working hours.

An English inventor believes that he can run clocks by natural electricity from the earth. The earth's currents vary considerably, but by an automatic arrangement fixed on the pendulum he can keep time, he asserts, to within one minute in a year.

Geissler tubes can be converted into brilliant beams of light by being held near a coil or a large sheet of tin plate connected with a pole of an alternating machine and the prospects are that we will soon have a revolution in the artificial production of light.

Dobrowolsky, the inventor and designer of the electrical transmission plant at the International Electro-Technical exhibition at Frankfort, is willing to attempt to transmit either 1,000 or 5,000 horse power from Niagara to Chicago. The distance being about 500 miles between 40,000 and 50,000 volts would be required. Of 5,000 horse power operated at Niagara about 3,000 could be utilized at Chicago.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Where the sunshine does not enter the doctor must.

For simple hoarseness take a fresh egg, beat it and thicken with pulverized sugar. Eat freely of it.

To brighten carpets wipe them with warm water in which has been poured a few drops of ammonia.

To purify the air in a newly painted room, put several tubs of water in it, and it will absorb much of the odor.

A tablespoonful of powdered alum sprinkled in a barrel of water will precipitate all impure matter to the bottom.

Fine shavings from soft pine wood make a pleasant pillow. They have special curative virtues for coughs and lung troubles.

Pine may be made to look like some beautiful wood by giving repeated coats of hot linseed oil and rubbing hard after each coat.

To clear a stove of clinkers, put a handful of salt into it during a hot fire. When cold, remove the clinkers with a cold chisel.

The skin of a boiled egg when carefully peeled and applied when wet to a boil will draw out the matter and greatly relieve the soreness.

Remove ink stains from silver plated ware by rubbing them with a paste composed of chloride of lime and water; then wash and wipe dry.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

Chinese maidens, to enhance the beauty of the face, pluck out their eyebrows.

In some countries the leaves of trees are still used for books. In Ceylon the leaves of the talipot tree are used for that purpose.

Not a drop of rain fell in the United States Sunday, Oct. 25, 1891. This is the first time this has occurred in eighteen years.

The Lost river rises in Yellowstone park in two streams, which unite, and then runs two miles, when it literally disappears into the earth.

People in Japan are called by the family name first, the individual or what we call Christian name next, and then the honorific—thus, "Smith Peter Mr."

One of Vermont's curiosities is a floating island in Sodoga pond, near Jacksonville. The pond is a mile in length and the island, which covers one-third of it, is two feet thick. It bears a fine crop of cranberries.

Rev. Mr. Boyd, of London, Canada, once christened a Nova Scotia youngster "Acts of the Apostles." The child was a fifth son, and his four brothers had been respectively named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Funny little pot shaped match boxes are one-half silver and one-half glass. Through the glass a small landscape appears. Half across the top is the scratcher.

Small gold wishbones used for stickpins are in great force as presents to bridesmaids. Occasionally a diamond is found hanging between the bones and sometimes they are combined with horseshoes.

Necklaces having a single large rare jewel sumptuously mounted are among the newest things. One is composed of a long pink pearl, a pear shaped sapphire and a long uncut ruby. These are mounted like a flower with the calyx of diamonds.—Jewelers' Circular.

C. H. Nelson, the famous owner of the stallion Nelson, has begun the construction of a new track between Waterville and Fairfield, Me.

The California pacing filly Wood Nymph, although only 16 months old, has paced a quarter at a 2:23 gait and an eighth of a mile at a 2:16 gait.

Senator Stanford has accepted C. W. Williams' offer to breed ten mares by Allerton to Arion at $2,500 each, and offers to pay $10,000 for one of the colts.

Isaac S. Dement, a Chicago stenographer, recently took down 250 words with one minute in shorthand. Mr. Dement is thirty-six years old. He uses a system of stenography of his own, made up of Pitmanic characters.

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The empress of China, according to the custom of the empire, is never permitted to leave the palace grounds.

Queen Victoria's tea is always purchased at a quaint, old fashioned shop in Pall Mall, and has been during her five predecessors' reigns. It costs $1.35 a pound, and is known as Earl Grey's mixture.

The khedive of Egypt neither smokes nor drinks, and though allowed many wives has only one. He is very learned in Arabic lore, and knows the Koran so thoroughly that he can recite it from memory.

Some criticism has been made of the Prince of Wales for shooting in kid gloves, and calling him a butterfly sportsman. The English press are indignant at this accusation, and say he is by far the best shot in the royal family and can hold his own in any country.

The difficulty of finding a suitable bride for the crown prince of Russia seems to grow greater as time goes by. The young man is not particularly attractive. The imperial family of Russia fear that he will eventually succumb to consumption, which has already afflicted his younger brothers.

The nizam of Hyderabad, who rules over what is probably the last stronghold of feudalism in the world, is the most extravagant of earthly potentates. He is said to spend $10,000,000 a year, and has a collection of jewels worth three times that amount, including the biggest diamond in the world.

The most curious character on the island of Borneo is the white sultan or rajah of Sarawak. He is an Englishman, Sir Charles Brooke, and the United States is the only nation that recognizes his sovereignty. He rules over a part of Borneo as large as Ireland, and his subjects pay tribute to him in rice.

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W. A. Smith, Paducah, Ky., writes:

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AND POTASH.

R. B. Walton, Cairo, Ill., writes: "I experienced the horrors of blood poison for four long years. I had three running sores on my body as large as my hand that would never heal, and over a dozen smaller ones. My hair and eye-brows and whiskers all came out and I looked like a perfect scarecrow. I became discouraged trying medicine, but as a last hope tried Bull's Sarsaparilla. The use of 28 bottles made me well, but there are scars on my body that look like they had been burns."

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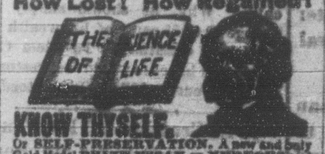

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